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The Mantoloking Centennial Celebration was a marvelous success. This editor congratulated so many of those who put it together and each one said he/she hadn't 'done anything.' Collectively, they produced a memorable four-day event to be talked about for years. Congratulations and thank you. The annual Mantoloking 4th of July Parade was the icing on the cake.

Mayor Nebel opened the Council Meeting promptly at 4:30 p.m. All Council members, except Jim Brown who had been excused, were present. There were fifteen residents in the audience. Minutes of the June meeting and a correction to the minutes of the May meeting were passed.

Councilman and Finance Chairman Witkowski moved four resolutions: to accept the report of Finance Officer Swisher as of May 31st; for the payment of bills totalling \$446,883 for the month of July; and two requests for approval of items of revenue and appropriation. All were passed.

Councilman Gillingham introduced Police Chief Wright who gave the June-July police report. There were 305 incidents including four burglary alarms, six animal complaints, 18 boat stops, nine crashes, seven thefts, 23 traffic enforcements. The 305-incident number includes 67 time cards and 53 building checks. There have been several thefts from unlocked cars. Houses have been entered. LOCK YOUR CAR AND YOUR HOUSE.

Chief Wright praised Lt. Barcus for his exemplary work tracking a burglary from a Barnegat Lane house in January, 2010, following leads, checking pawn shops, traveling to Bay Head and Millburn, establishing a suspect, etc. His prime suspect was arrested in March, 2010 and on June 22, 2011, the Ocean County Prosecutors Office informed the Mantoloking Police Department that the defendant received jail time, probation, and will be required to pay restitution. Lt. Barcus "did a fantastic piece of investigation and should be commended for a great effort."

Office of Emergency Management Chief, Bob McIntyre reported that Mantoloking is compliant with all requirements for emergency management; new radio frequencies have been added; the personnel roster has been revised; Chris Neibling, a professional fire fighter from Florida, has joined the Mantoloking Fire Company; and, THIS IS IMPORTANT, if house numbers are missing or obscured from your dwelling, replace them. Emergency situations require locations be easily found. It is a law.

Councilman Gillingham moved three resolutions: appointment of three seasonal/part time help, special Class I police officers as of June 4, 2011; to support the American Diabetes Association Annual Jersey Shore Tour de Cure, a bike tour on Saturday, September 17, 2011; and, the adoption of Ordinance #603, for the purchase of police radios and ATV at a cost of \$30,000, authorizing bonds and notes of \$28,000 and \$2,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund. All were passed.

Councilwoman Nelson moved three resolutions: to request a six-month extension of the time for an award of contract for Lagoon Lane improvements NJDOT FY 2010 Municipal Aid Program. This is to improve roadway conditions to address street flooding; (The initial design was to raise the street elevation, but this would disturb too many properties. Check valves were installed on June 7, 2011 which should prevent tidal water from rising from storm sewers during high tides. Since no work on the streets is allowed during the summer, extra time is needed to monitor what has been done.); providing for the sale of surplus personal property; and, approve change order No. 3 and payment application no. 3 (Channel Lane and Bergen Avenue improvements) to JADS construction Co., Inc. All resolutions were approved.

Councilman Strohm reported Dune Consultant Farrell gave high marks to our beaches. He also reported that of the twenty notices sent to beach

owners who had not respected the dune ordinance requirements, 18 had fixed their dunes, one had died and one is trying to interpret the ordinance with legal help.

Councilman Ness noted Mantoloking Borough residents are invited to the HealthCare Institute of New Jersey's free community health fair, Friday, July 29th from 8:30 to 12 noon at Lacey Community Hall, 101 North Main Street, Forked River with special guest Congressman Jon Runyan. The fair will offer health screenings conducted by trained medical professionals. To register call 732 729-9619 or [hinj.org/rsvp](http://hinj.org/rsvp).

Councilwoman Nelson complimented Councilman Ness for his wonderful Centennial Celebration and how very special it was. He was another person who said he "didn't do anything." But he did - a lot!

Virginia Sigety thanked the Centennial Committee, said a very special thank you to the Mantoloking Police for their great 24/7 attention to all aspects of the Centennial Celebration. Everyone appreciated what they did to make it so extraordinary for us all.

Virginia Sigety also asked Council to revisit the possibility of making the corner at Downer Avenue and Bay a four-way stop.

The next Council meeting will take place August 15, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.