

Mayor Nebel opened this meeting promptly at 4:30 p.m. All Council members were present. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and no public comments were heard, the minutes of the August meeting were passed.

Councilman Witkowski moved four resolutions; to accept the report of Municipal Finance Officer Swisher; to pay bills of \$442,639 for the month of September which Mayor Nebel considered exceptionally high (Maybe because State regulations require police presence during road-construction activity. The utility companies will reimburse the borough for this expense); to request a tax refund for overpayment of taxes due to a tax appeal; and to provide an extension of sick-leave time to an employee. All resolutions were passed.

Councilman Gillingham introduced Police Chief Wright who reported the police responded to 307 incidents during the late August- mid September period. These included four 911 calls, six animal complaints, 66 building checks, one earthquake, one hurricane, two missing persons, seven suspicious persons, one theft, 60 'time cards' and 18 traffic enforcements.

Fire Chief Popaca wrote the Fire Company responded to 25 fire calls, held three training drills and had one business meeting during August. There were 16 alarms for fire, smoke and CO conditions, one gas leak, a car fire, a transformer fire, two wires down, a wires arcing, a structure fire and a hazardous condition.

Office of Emergency Management Chief Bob McIntyre urged all elected officials to take online courses IS-700 and ICS-100 strongly recommended by The National Integration Center/FEMA to prepare them for any local emergency. He told Council all local agencies and personnel did a great job both before, during and after to prepare, monitor and assess any damage from Hurricane Irene. He reminded residents to listen to Point Pleasant Beach OEM Channel 1630 AM for area-specific information.

Councilwoman Nelson had no report but presented the following from Superintendent Heckman. Among the normal jobs done routinely, he repaired and replaced stairs on beach accesses, moved some equipment out of town before the storm, barricaded all walkways damaged by Irene, listed all damage for FEMA, cleared sand from Lyman Street, and picked up material to replace stairs at Princeton Avenue.

Construction Official Wardell issued eleven new and three updated permits in August, for plumbing, a dune deck, cedar siding, irrigation systems, a single family house, alarm systems, an inground pool, a deck around a pool, etc.

Land Use Officer Marinaccio received twenty applications in August and twenty were approved as well as three others. One violation letter was sent.

Councilman Strohm reported that Irene's damage to the beach was not major, for the most part it did not breach the dunes although some sections will require special attention. There is sand available in the near ocean and when it is returned to the berm, bulldozing will begin. The borough will bulldoze the sand. Private bulldozing must be done in conjunction within the borough's time schedule. The dune program in the borough saved the rest of the town as well as real estate on the beach, preventing breaches. September 30th is the dune walk from 8:00 AM till completed. Peter Strohm, Dr. Stewart Farrell and Robert Mainberger will inspect each home and property to advise homeowners what will need to be done. Mayor Nebel will join them, for lunch anyway. Councilman Strohm moved one resolution, to provide for dune system replenishment and maintenance. It was passed. Check [mantoloking.org](http://mantoloking.org) for the full resolution.

Though not mentioned at the Council meeting, the early Sunday morning surge, as the storm winds turned to the west, caused a massive amount of water to rise in the bay covering properties, some as far as to Barnegat and Runyon Lanes. Much debris from this surge caused additional damage to yards and pools.

Councilman Brown moved one resolution, requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation NJS 40A:4-87. It was passed. He also said there will be two programs, one for Hazardous Waste on Friday, October 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Public Works Garage on 836 Ridge Road in Brick. Call 732 367-0802 to make an appointment. The other is for shredding the papers you've kept for years! That's in Point Pleasant Beach this Thursday, September 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Recycling Center, 301 Cooks Road, PPB.

Councilman Ness had no report.

Steve Wilder asked, since the beach steps are frequently swept away, what is the feasibility of installing removable steps to be hoisted up before storms. He was told there are restrictions, that stairs must have posts and railings. During Irene, Newman Place and South Beach were the only stairs that remained. There are still six access points to the beach.

Sara Dewing complimented the wonderful job done at the beach during the summer, the life guards were great, the beach cleaning and management, too. She did have reservations about crossing Downer. The cones and stripes did not deter traffic. There is a need for police at the crosswalk. She complimented the police re how Irene and the evacuation procedure was handled. She was told there will be a meeting of all the beaches directors soon. To be announced.

SEE SEPARATE E-MAIL---FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

This meeting ended at 4:50 p.m. The next Council meeting: October 17, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.