

Mantoloking Reporter

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The regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 4:30 PM by Mayor Nebel. All council members but Beth Nelson were present .

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a resolution was presented by Mayor and Council - a **Memorial to David P. Loughran, Esq.**, deceased September 26, 2012.

David P. Loughran has resided in Mantoloking since 1964...served as Municipal Prosecutor for the Borough of Mantoloking from 1982-2001, Planning Board member 1988-2002 and Emergency Management Coordinator from 1986-2003. He attained the rank of Colonel as a U.S. Marine Aviator, was an active member of the Mantoloking Yacht Club and Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association. He enjoyed a reputation for impeccable character, high standards and dedicated performance of any duty assigned.

The Mayor, Council and Residents of Mantoloking extend to his family sincere appreciation for his service and condolence upon his passing.

The minutes of the September council meeting and closed session were passed.

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Councilman Witkowski, Finance Committee , moved to accept the report of the Municipal Finance Officer, Michele Swisher. As of August 31, year to date expenditures \$2,801,711.45, encumbered \$85,049.82 for a balance of \$1,155,212.51 vs budget of \$4,041,973.78. Revenue to date \$7,368,674.76.

Bill payments in the amount of \$262,989.53 were approved for the month of October. Two additional resolutions were moved and passed - transferring current year appropriations totaling \$6,100 from sewer and beach to road repair, clerk and police. Councilman Witkowski commented that this is a very normal occurrence. The fourth resolution was to provide a grant of additional sick leave to Lynne Hazelet.

Councilman Gillingham, Public Safety Committee - moved one resolution in addition to the reports below for Police, Fire and OEM... to approve the insertion of a revenue item into the 2012 budget in the amount of \$6,754.57 available from the State of New Jersey , Division of Motor Vehicles, 2012 Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant.

Police Chief Mark Chief Wright reported a total of 208 police responses during September. These included various alarms, 16 agency assists, 4 ordinance violations, 6 arrests, 2 animal complaints, 3 boat summonses, 78 traffic stops, 5 mv accidents and 6 police info and assistance. There were responses to 1 fire and 15 burglary alarm activations. At the close of the month, \$53,738.75 of the annual police budget has been expended, \$4,164.04 committed, leaving an unexpended balance of \$33,811.00.

Fire Chief Larry Gilman The MFC responded to 21 fire calls, held 2 drills and the regularly scheduled business meeting during the month of September. Included were various fire and co alarms, wires down, mv accident, gas/co leaks , arcing wires and 2 swimmers in distress.

Repeating from July so the message stays front and center:

Chief Gilman also reported on the intention of the MFC to engage in a membership drive to attract more and younger volunteer recruits to our ranks as part of a longer term strategy. One notion being considered is

to offer to reimburse the recruit for attending the Fire Fighter One Training Course, currently requiring a commitment of **185 hours**. Eligibility would be contingent upon successful completion and passing of the course and a few other stipulations to be worked out. Estimated cost per recruit is approx \$1500.00. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Larry or any MFC member !!

Another important reminder- please leave a house key with the Police station....easy access is a big advantage to both the Police and MFC when responding to alarms.

OEM Coordinator Robert McIntyre No report

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Councilwoman Nelson, Public Works Committee, Councilman Steve Gillingham on behalf moved 2 resolutions for the release of surety bond to Beaumont Builders \$1,000.00 and introduction of Ordinance 616 providing for the increase in compensation to sub-code officials and deputy sub-code officials in the Borough of Mantoloking.

Public works department, as always, had a very busy month of September.

In addition to responding to MFC calls, their tasks included an assortment of repairs and installations in the Borough, including a new garage door at the fire house, new floating signs, repaired broken speed sign on Barnegat Lane, and removal and storage of life guard stands and handicap ramps. Inspections of site triangle and over growth violations for compliance took place as well as various clean-out and clean ups around town!!

Construction Official Wardell submitted his report, issuing 13 permits and 1 update during September. These covered demolition, pool, tent, plumbing, alterations and solar panel installation. Total fees and penalties collected \$4,525.00

Land Use Officer Vito Marinaccio submitted his report including receipt of 33 applications of which 27 have been approved, 4 denied and 1 violation letter.

Councilman Strohm, Dune & Beach Replenishment Committee reported that the dunes are in good shape. An inspection took place joined by Bay Head Mayor...plantings growing, fencing erected. Plants will be available at Borough Hall November 2 - call in advance for reservations to pick up. Dune violations have been noted and residents are to be commended for their earnest cooperation and response to

suggestions. Everyone realizes the importance of the dunes to the Borough!!! Thank you !!

Councilman Brown, Municipal Services Committee - The new garden at the corner of Bergen and Lagoon looks wonderful! Thankyou!

Councilmen Ness, Mantoloking Committee, offers a BIG thank you to Irene and Team for the new and coherent information sheet on garbage and recyclables

Mayor and Council Comment Session -Mayor Nebel spoke with a regional manager of the US Postal Service...he indicated that consolidation is taking place all over the State and will continue....there are no plans to close Manto Post office - if you have a box - mail will be delivered to the box...if you have curbside...sorting/delivery will come out of Lavallette...counter hours - currently 9am - 4pm will be determined by the postmaster going forward.
Councilman Witkowski raised the issue of liability for our MFC line officers or any volunteer pressed into service as a potential ICO. The question pertains to volunteer liability....this is an issue that will be looked into to protect ours.

Reminder that our Annual Tree Lighting is scheduled for Sunday December 9, 2012 !!!!!

During the ***Public Comments Session***, resident Peter Flihan stressed that if you have a PO Box and plan to be away, fill out the card and leave it in your box...if curbside, fill out card and leave it in your mail box.

Meeting was adjourned to Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining issues.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 19 , 2012 at 4:30 PM

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