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Mayor Nebel opened this meeting promptly at 4:30 p.m. All council members except Mr. Strohm, who had been excused, were present. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the minutes of the October meeting were passed.

Councilman Witkowski moved three resolutions; to accept Finance Officer Swisher's report as of September 30, 2011; the payment of bills for November, 2011 amounting to \$1,937,587 of which \$1,522,459 was for Ocean County taxes; and to transfer current year appropriations #1-2011.

The Mantoloking Police are asking residents to do the following: Check your house regularly. Take the time to see if anything is missing like copper down-spouts and gutters.

Lock your house and vehicle doors and windows at all times. If you should find that your house or vehicle have fallen victim to any type of crime, DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING, and call the police department IMMEDIATELY at (732) 892-0832.

If you are not going to be around for long periods of time, winterize your house.

It is suggested you put the following numbers on your cell phones to quickly alert the police. If you see something, report it immediately.

(732) 892-0865 (Inside Line answered Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. only)

(732) 892-0832 (24-Hour Line answered by the Ocean County Sheriff's Dept)

Police Chief Wright reported 243 incidents during the mid-October, mid-November period. They included ten 911 calls, five burglary alarms, 59 building checks, two vehicle burglaries, nine open door/windows, six suspicious conditions, fourteen suspicious vehicles, five copper thefts, and 54 time cards.

Chief Wright said the police, notified by Lakewood police, caught a father/son team in one copper theft, and a boy friend/girl friend team apprehended by Lt. Barcus and Ptl. Ferris in another theft.

Chief Popaca reported during October the Mantoloking

Fire Company responded to 19 fire calls, held two training drills and one regularly scheduled business meeting. There were nine alarms fire and CO, an odor investigation, two structure fires, two gas leaks, a power line down, a wiring defect, and a motor vehicle accident.

Emergency Management coordinator Robert McIntyre wrote a three-page report about Mantoloking's response to Hurricane Irene and how well prepared the borough was. "Lessons learned included the value of: public safety networking, communication by all modes, mutual aid arrangements, and redundancy in positions and responsibilities. These allowed for seamless and efficient cooperation." Lessons learned; the army truck is ineffective in high water situations, the MFC boat was useful in assessing flood areas, give thought to making borough beach structures portable, dune maintenance is vital for the whole borough, early planning is necessary, cooperation with neighboring OEMs "is a key component of flood planning as water knows no political boundaries."

Discussions with the MFC to prepare temporary places for residents of special needs during weather emergencies are underway. Denise Boughton has identified deficiencies in the borough's contract with Jersey Shore Animal Center and will work to amend the contract. People will not leave their pets as FEMA has recognized.

Councilman Gillingham moved a resolution to introduce Ordinance # 605, bulk trash pick-up rules, amending Chapter XIX, SECTION 19-1.9 of the revised general ordinances of the Borough. This subjects anyone who inspects, collects, or picks up recyclables left at the curb to punishment. It was passed upon first reading. (For further information, go to mantoloking.org.)

Councilwoman Nelson moved two resolutions; to approve release of surety bond to P. W. Ehrgood and to request a refund of escrow fees to same. They were passed.

Construction official Wardell issued 21 new and six updated permits during October. They were for furnaces, electrical updates, new houses, ductwork, swimming pools, security systems, ground level decks, siding, etc.

Land Use Officer Marinaccio received fifteen applications in October and fifteen were approved. One foundation As-Built survey was approved.

Councilman Ness announced on December 11th at 4:30 p.m. the Christmas tree lighting will take place and Santa will be there. The poster was painted by Linda Hejduk who is always a big help to Santa. Everyone is invited to sing and enjoy refreshments afterwards

at the Mantoloking Fire Company.

Comments: Councilman Brown congratulated Chief Wright and the police for their good work on the copper caper. . . .Councilman Witkowski is concerned about Comcast's increases in payments starting in January. It is acting as a monopoly and seems to increase the cost of their services at will. Is there a way to negotiate this service? . . . Steve Wilder is wondering if his house will be knocked off its foundation as the vibrations from traffic on the highway are relentless. When will the road be resurfaced? It was to be done this fall, but now it might be done in the spring. The gas company must finish its work before the road can be resurfaced.

Several e-mails of The Reporter come back. Please, if you have changed your e-mail address and still want to receive The Reporter, let The Reporter know. Also, The Reporter is carried on the mantoloking.org web page.

The next Council meeting will take place on Monday, December 19th at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Nebel will present his awards at that time. This meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.