



## **Mantoloking Reporter**

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The Pre council Workshop meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order November 21, 2013 at 8:30 AM by Mayor Nebel. All Council members were present but Jim Brown

The purpose of the meeting is to set the agenda for the next regular Council meeting on Tuesday November 26, 2013 at 4:30 PM

**Councilman Gillingham**, Finance Committee , made the recommendation to combine several of the proposed resolutions for simplicity.

In addition, he suggested deferring for one month the appointment of Bond Counsel. It would allow time to confer with the Boro financial advisor regarding any potential funding of a Boro Hall rebuilding through a bond issuance. Manto has never issued a bond with a maturity exceeding 3 years.

**Councilman Mc Intyre**, Public Safety Committee -discussed possible resolutions to be presented, including Emergency Snow Removal. While East Avenue is being used as a southbound detour, the State will be responsible for snow removal. An ordinance is required to enforce NO PARKING rules when road is snow covered.

Under consideration is an ordinance pertaining to PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND DEBRIS REMOVAL...IE need to get neglected

properties cleaned up. In the meantime, a list of said properties has been provided to the Public Health Department who has promised to inspect and send out notices to owners in violation. If this is successful without significant delay, the need for this ordinance may be diminished. A second reading on the installation/enforcement of stop signs along East Ave at Williams and Stephens will be presented along with a resolution to add an additional stop sign at Mathis Place. The presence of these signs improves public safety along our newly created East Avenue Speedway!! Thanks!

**Councilwoman Nelson**, Public Works Committee, - along with Councilman Ness prepared a fact sheet representing their research into options and costs for Boro Hall/ Police Dept demolition/reconstruction. This will be made available at or prior to the next regular meeting. In summary, the town will not be receiving additional insurance monies in connection with the building(\$347,000 received) and no \$\$ from FEMA. There are differences in the criterion for substantial damage assessment between FEMA and the Flood Plains Administrator. Fema does not deem the structure to be substantially damaged, where Bob Mainberger has deemed it substantially damaged. All in all, it would be very expensive to repair and bring up to code. They are investigating possibilities/options and when completed a report will be prepared and presented to Council. There are many requirements to be considered.

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a replacement street sweeper and sale of one currently in use. Although initially rejected, following further enlightenments and clarifications by Stan W, it was decided to move forward with the transactions.

It was also brought up that full text of all resolutions to be presented

should be made available prior to the meeting to insure content is consistent with intentions of the Council . In particular, the definition of ONE\_HALF STORY. This will be done and posted on Borough website.

**Councilman Strohm**, Dune & Beach Replenishment Committee -

**A resolution will be required to memorialize the contract with the NJ DEP for the Sheeting Project which was signed recently by Mayor Nebel!! A copy of said contract will be made available for viewing prior to the November 26 meeting.**

**There have been some changes made to the scope of the project since last reported. The metal sheeting will no longer be placed in front of existing rocks at the north end of town but rather begin at the southern most point of the rock extensions... more or less at the north border of South Beach property at Williams Place. The details of how the sheeting will be attached to the existing rocks should be forthcoming.**

**Councilman Brown**, Municipal Services Committee - no report

**Councilmen Ness**, Mantoloking Committee, - A resolution will be required to go out for bid on garbage collection.

## ***Mayor and Council Comment Session -***

### ***Mayor Nebel:***

Correspondence on zoning violations for the Van Sciver trailer and request for a police presence when it is removed on November 27.

Correspondence from a coalition of home owners along East Avenue who have made an application to the DEP and received the required permit for the continuation/installation of rocks similar to those further to the north . Although Council was not sure exactly how many property owners have signed on, it was guesstimated at around 8 beginning just south of South Beach Association at Williams.

Permission from the Borough is required to allow the placement of same rocks at the public access points so there are no gaps. During the ensuing discussions among Council members, concerns were expressed regarding what happens where the rocks end, effectiveness of the rocks vs sheeting, logistics with traffic on East Avenue, challenges to current residential reconstruction ...and most importantly...the impact such an application might have on the launch of the planned sheet metal project. The hopeful start date for this is early January and the Borough clearly does not want to take any decisions that might delay the project. Borough experts feel sheeting is the superior approach . Apparently if you "got rocks " you don't get the sheeting.

It was suggested that an engineers opinion on the rocks be obtained before a decision is rendered to the coalition. There was some additional discussion of what happens if there are gaps - and how/if sheeting can be installed, etc. Do not want the DEP to back away if it all gets too complicated. It was apparently their decision not to install sheeting where rocks exist .

Municipal Public Access Plan - request for Manto to submit our map that is distributed with beach badge sales.

***Councilman Strohm*** - trucks carting unusable sand from the bay to off site collection points are spilling considerable amounts in town and all the way down Mantoloking Road....potential hazard to cars following behind.

***Councilman Gillingham*** - represented Manto at a recent League of Municipalities function - Manto specifically mentioned by top brass for progress made on our two big projects!!!! GREAT JOB!

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Nancy Ness* - should we be monitoring landscaping heights...some very large trees are being planted that are potentially blocking neighbor views and obstructing light and air flow  
Heavy trucks travelling at excessive speeds down Barnegat lane....can we be more vigilant with speed enforcement?

*Priscilla Hiby* - follow up on apparently neglected homes in her area with garbage bags strewn and nothing being done...potential health hazard??? YES

*Denise B* - can anything be done to mitigate the methane gas disbursement where it is being released into the storm drains - have seen tents used..it is a possibility?

*Denise B* - now that it has been decided not to place sheeting in front of the existing rocks in the north end of Manto - are these homes going to be more vulnerable - answer was YES

*Joanne Lygas* - still not clear on the decision regarding demolition of Boro Hall and the Police Station....if Fema deemed it not substantially

damaged, why does the building have to be raised....etc  
Don suggested a sit down to go over all of her questions.

Next Regular Meeting November 26, 4:30 PM at MYC

Mark your calendars - Christmas Tree Lighting planned for Sunday  
December 8 at 4.30 MYC....there will be food, libation and hopefully  
music!! More later.

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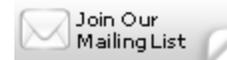
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