



Mantoloking Reporter

February 26, 2013

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The regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order February 26, 2013 at 4:30 PM by Mayor Nebel. All council members were present .

The agenda for the regular business meeting will be made available in advance of the meeting on the Borough website.

Due to the need for further consideration on 617/618 Amendment to Land Use Regulations and Amendment to Flood Prevention

Regulations - in anticipation of revised recommendations, introductions will be postponed until March Regular Council Meeting.

Councilman Gillingham, Finance Committee , moved to accept the report of the Municipal Finance Officer, Michele Swisher as of December 31, 2012. Nine additional resolutions were moved and passed - bills for the month of February, award of professional service contracts for 2013, miscellaneous service and maintenance contracts, an appropriations reserve transfer #1, temporary emergency appropriations #1, authorization of a second emergency appropriation of \$2,000,000 to cover Sandy related repair and reconstruction, authorization of Fema Disaster Loan application and introduction of resolution to exceed the 2013 Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to establish a Cap Bank.

Councilman Mc Intyre, Public Safety Committee - moved five resolutions in addition to the reports for Police, Fire and OEM... authorize other professional service and maintenance contracts for 2013 including prosecutor, public defender and respective alternates, police physician, authorization of misc. supply, service and maintenance for Animal control, approved interlocal agreement with Ocean County concerning the Prosecutor S Program FY 2013, DWI and the approval of the employee dental plan endorsement.

Police Chief Mark Chief Wright reported a **total of 117 police responses during January**. These included 30 motor vehicle, 2 suspended, 17 parking, 11 "other" ...6 ordinance violations, 2 arrests alarms ,assists...**for February** 102 motor vehicle, 2 complaint, 16 ordinance violations, 4 arrests, 2 agency assists and alarms - 3 burglary, 1 fire.

Fire Chief Larry Gilman - MFC responded to **8 alarms during January, 2013**. Three were alarms in Brick for gas/fire, 4 in Bay head for wires down and fire alarms and 1 gas leak in Mantoloking. In **February the MFC responded to 6 calls** - 3 Bay Head fire/co alarms, 2 Brick fire alarm and 1 Manto fire alarm.

Repeating 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 !!

OEM Coordinator Robert McIntyre No report

- ***Councilwoman Nelson***, Public Works Committee, moved six resolutions - appointment of Barbara Woolley-Dillon - part time Zoning and Land Use Officer and Colleen Malvasio - Planning Board Recorder....WELCOME!!! , award of Professional Service Contracts for 2013 - Larry Plevier P.E. Borough Engineer, Stormwater Coordinator, Ocean County Block Grant Program Representative...Robert Mainberger, P.E. - Municipal Planner, Dune Inspector, Flood Plain Manager....THANKS TO ALL , authorizing misc supply, service and maintenance contracts for 2013, change order request for emergency road repairs and reconstruction - IEW Construction Group - Change #4, and the the remaining two dealing with pumping system and demolition of 4 residential structures in municipal right of way, resolution to rescind the current expiration (Mar 15) of the construction department permit fee waiver for repairs until further notice

Construction Official Wardell - submitted his report, issuing 117 permits in January. These covered building, electrical, fire, elevator , mechanical and plumbing replacements related to the hurricane.
Total fees waived \$ 15,340

Total fees collected \$ 131.00

Land Use Officer Vito Marinaccio - no report

Councilman Strohm, Dune & Beach Replenishment Committee - moved one Resolution -authorizing Other Professional Service and Maintenance Contracts for 2013 - Dr Stewart Farrell - Dune Consultant.

Councilman Brown, Municipal Services Committee - no report

Councilmen Ness, Mantoloking Committee, - moved one resolution to approve Solid Waste & Recycling Contract Option Year 5 with Republic Services of NJ (Marpal)

Mayor and Council Comment Session - Mayor Nebel commented on the success of the Easement Signings....thank you to all who have!!!!

OVER 120 YES !!

2 DEFINITE NO'S

Public Comments Session

UPDATE - CHRIS NELSON

Outline of update posted on Borough website!

HIGHLIGHTS:

We are well ahead of schedule - amazing accomplishment and could not have happened without the commitment of our Mayor and Council, OEM, Police ,MFC, and Public Works.

Repopulation was accomplished in 4 months ...considering the condition of our town - this is a tremendous tribute to the teams we have in place.....**THANK YOU TO ALL !!!**

Moving forward, we will continue to have the support of the State Police ... THANK YOU ...at a reduced level - 4 troopers per shift..I think we are all grateful for their presence and diligence.

6 families repopulated officially on Friday...WELCOME HOME

There are still many unsafe structures in town ..so please be careful.

Our new zoning officer will be available for the foreseeable future on

Saturdays to assist with filings and questions

The new easement has been posted on the website. To date, we have received only 2 NO's. We have received 120 commitments ...in hand or verbal...for YES !!! Bottom line is there is absolute commitment from ACE / FED to proceed..confirmed by Christie...once easements are in hand!!!

The PPDR is now closed - there are 30 resident applications which are not complete...their status will be posted on website so all can be completed.

Next Steps - anticipated beginning of demolitions - mid April...keep in mind that safety is the ultimate priority so CLOSE PROXIMITY observance by ANYONE to these proceedings will be PROHIBITED.

QUESTION : as part of the presentation - why should my tax dollars be spent to clean up someone else's home?
answer: will speed up rebuilding and re-establish tax base which will in the end raise overall values

Route 35... beginning April 1 Bay Head/Manto...a priority since water actually went under the roadway creating a potential safety consideration should we have heavy reconstruction vehicles moving through the area. The plan is to have sidewalks along east side of RT 35.

Manto Boro **has** submitted the required PAPERWORK !!!! to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program....Its a very competitive program and most applicants do not receive \$\$. GRANTS ARE LIMITED TO 75%...homeowners 25%. More info available on website but must raise to ABFE as of Dec 12...not limited to primary residences.
If interested you need to fill out enrollment forms - available to download off Manto web site.....the program is operated by STATE SO
LEAD TIME ..COUNT ON SIX MONTHS

QUESTIONS

Richardson - East Ave

Follow up on question from previous meeting - did you meet with DEP REGARDING REVETMENTS??? Does Manto have a plan regarding revetments?

Response:

Bay Head has had revetments since '60's. They asked to extend these south to the Bay Head border with Manto. This involves 14 properties.

THEY HAVE BEEN GRANTED A PERMIT TO PROCEED AT THEIR OWN COST.

Work has already begun.

THIS DOES, HOWEVER, POSE SOME SERIOUS CONCERNS FOR MANTOLOKING ...PARTICULARLY AT THE NORTH END OF TOWN ...

A private request has been submitted - Mike Becker - on behalf of five or so Manto properties just south of the Bay Head border to build similar revetments at their own expense -

Comment: We would rather see a consistent strategy...the revetments are an advantage to the individual homeowners, but have devastating consequences to their neighbors not similarly buffeted. This is important !!

The Boro has explored revetments. They are very expensive...will continue to look for lower cost options.

Question: What is status of Bay Project?

Large debris removal is underway. The barges have been arriving and 2 homes will be removed in the next 2-3 weeks. Focus on commercial marinas as well. Interestingly enough, this will include Mantoloking Yacht Club. Removal of sand will follow and all towns are on board to return sand to the beaches.

Question was asked and answered by Chris Nelson - why should we spend our tax \$\$ to remove sand from a private member only facility such as the MYC? The reason is we need to restore normalcy to the town. By dredging the MYC, the summer sailing program can be scheduled ...which will bring members and their children back into town to participate.

Hank Rzemieniewski - Downer Ave - commended the town for a job well done - has concerns that there will be a day of reckoning with all the \$\$ being spent...who is watching??? Very expensive decisions being

made and with 200 homes gone how much will our taxes go up? He expressed concern about future budgets and the need for some kind of a lid on spending. People will no longer be able to afford to live in Manto. Mayor Nebel responded that the increases should be conservative. Expenses have been maintained and much of the spending that has taken place is covered by FEMA. Two thirds of our taxes go to the County.

Prior to Sandy, Manto constituted roughly 1.6% of the asset value of Ocean County 360 billion. This put our "contribution" at \$6 million. Based on preliminary reassessment valuations, our asset value should drop to 1%. On the municipal level, our budget, previously \$3 million will most likely increase. You can be sure that both Steve Gillingham and Stacy Ferris are on the \$\$ case!!

Scott - Ocean Ave : Commented as well that the future cost of living in Manto is something that will effect every resident!

Should bulkheads be checked before Bay Project begins to remove sand...some may be unstable and weakened and could collapse once sand removal begins? yes

Lygas-Barneгат: There is alot of confusion regarding future mail delivery/pick up for Manto residents..it has become quite an ordeal at Brick Post Office in the last week...Does the Boro have a solution?

Follow up has taken place on County, State and Federal levels. At the moment, it looks like on or around March 18, the Manto Post Office will re-open for PO Box mail pick up. The rest is still a work in progress.

L. Huston- Ocean Ave : Should we all be applying for Fema Hazard Mitigation?

Apply for everything so you don't miss a deadline...which for Fema disaster assistance and SBA is March 1, 2013. There are both grants and loans - just fill out everything and decide later. The Governor is also planning his own fund to assist through a Community Development Block Grant Program.

Can Boro use \$ it received from hazard mitigation to purchase land? Might not make sense to lose rateables.

The town may higher a consultant to help find more grants.

Ms Huston made a plea for volunteers to help clean out the marshes - its a great community program and Manto will get credit for

volunteers..so make sure to register if you participate!!!

Tom A on behalf of King - East Ave: Easement signed..THANK YOU!!!
Are stone revetments off the table as far as Manto is concerned?
Not a firm no-go but the expense is a detriment. There are other technologies that are being considered such as geotextile fabric, etc.
The Boro feels that replenishment is still the most \$\$ reasonable option.

What is easement deadline - SOON
Litigation is being prepared in the event it becomes needed.

What are the flags on the beach? The first set of flags is to mark limit for bull dozing by private contractors onto private property. The other is to denote the 5 year alignment of the westerly toe of the dune.

When can individuals lift their homes - wait for the adoption by the town of the new height requirements - next reading will take place at the March 18 meeting.

SUMMARY OF FEMA FAIR

SBA LOAN

Primary post disaster resource for \$\$ to repair and rebuild. Loans are offered up to \$200,000 for 30 years at rates as low as 1.688%.
Businesses can apply for up to \$2 million to cover loss of income as well as repair/rebuild.
Secondary homes - if rented - could possibly be treated/covered as a business
Funds can be used to elevate or to build seawalls/revetments, etc
There is no obligation to take the loan if approved and there are no fees.

If you are denied, you can go back to Fema for assistance through their "other needs" program.

ABFE's

NJ is currently going through FIRM (flood insurance rate map)revision, which takes 5 years. The modeling is already done which represents the 1% chance of annual flooding. The ABFE's released are conservative. If these guidelines had not been release, NJ would be rebuilding now at substandard levels. In 2 years when the Biggert-Waters takes effect,

these same homes would be in non-compliance. They would be caught between elevating or paying increased insurance. The regulatory process is continuing and the new maps are scheduled to be released mid to late summer. There is a chance once the overland wave modeling is completed that some changes in elevations and or v zone designations may occur. LETS HOPE!

As for the national flood insurance program - it has not been operating at a profit and has been heavily subsidized by the federal government. The new legislation will do away with the deficits and all subsidies will be phased out. Premiums will reflect actual risk.

Non primary residence- increases will begin now at a rate of 25% per year until actuarial rate is reached

If there is a change of ownership or lapse in policy - new rates take immediate effect at 100 %

Following the release of the new maps this summer, there will be an 18-24 month review and appeal process followed by a 6 month adoption process for municipalities . Once that is completed, the phase in will begin at a rate of 20% per year until the full rate is reached.

ICC - Increased Cost of Compliance

ICC and ABFE go hand in hand. You need to be out of compliance to be eligible for ICC. The town needs to have adopted the ABFE for individuals to be eligible for up to \$30,000. You also cannot have exceeded the flood insurance max of \$250,000 (actually your claim cannot have exceeded \$220,000 if you apply for the full \$30,000), You can fine your ABFE at www.Region2coastal.com

Hazard Mitigation

Grant program operated by the State. Can be used in conjunction with ICC. The purpose is to prevent future damages from flood and both primary and secondary residences are eligible. All applications go to the Boro, who then submits to the County who forwards on to the State. Ultimately, the State decides on the allocations.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

If you have a Manto community related message or event you would like to post, please submit by the 15th of the month. Please include your contact information.

There is a year round 2 bedroom/2 bath carriage house available in Point Pleasant Beach beginning March 15, 2013. If you or someone you know might be interested, please reply to denisebou@aol.com
It will be advertised to the general public beginning next Friday

Coming soon - order forms for Manto Strong hats and hoodies

REMINDER

**ALL RESIDENTS - PLEASE PROVIDE CELL PHONE AND
CURRENT ADDRESS SO YOU CAN BE
CONTACTED....PARTICULARLY OCEAN FRONT RESIDENTS.**



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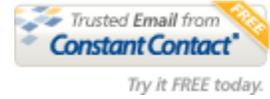


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