



# **Mantoloking Reporter**

**May 30, 2013**



## Number 463

The regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to

order May 20, 2013 at 4:30 PM by Mayor Nebel. Councilman Bob McIntyre was absent.

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

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 18 and special meeting March 28 were approved.

**Councilman Gillingham**, Finance Committee, moved to accept the report of the Municipal Finance Officer, Michele Swisher as of March 31, 2013. Expenditures year to date total \$852,650, encumbered \$42,948 for a balance of \$494,000 vs budget of \$1,389,600. Revenues year to date \$2,825,299. Four additional resolutions were moved and passed..payment of bills for May, request for tax refund as a result of a tax appeal, resolution for the late introduction of the 2013 budget and the introduction of the 2013 budget....\$5,671,304 vs \$4,049,321 in 2012. There will be hearing on the budget at the next regular council meeting. Comments - Sandy caused a huge service expansion - costs and staffing ...also, Manto has incurred new long term debt which it has never had before. A decision was made to use non-recurring revenue to reduce the local tax burden. These revenues may or may not be available in subsequent years.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Mantoloking Yacht Club on June 25, 2013., at which time objections to both can be presented. Copies of the budget are available in the office of Irene Ryan - temporary Borough Hall.

**Councilman Mc Intyre**, Public Safety Committee - ( on behalf of) moved two resolutions in addition to the reports for Police, Fire and OEM...appointment of part time hurricane recovery emergency help - Patrick Smith and the appointment of 2 Class 1 Special Officers - Thomas Restino and John Segalla.

**Police Chief Mark** Chief Wright - NO report submitted

***Fire Chief Larry Gilman*** - MFC responded to **13 alarms during April, 2013 , one business meeting and 2 training drills.**

Responses included 2 in Brick for alarm and brush fire, 7 in Bay Head for alarms and gas leak and 4 in Mantoloking for alarms and gas leak.

*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 - report submitted by Stacy Ferris*** - work continues on recovery and restoration! Daily activities include coordinating and directing planning, organization and control of Federal Disaster DR 4086. Duties involve managing and meeting with FEMA on writing project worksheets for all categories A-G. To date, we have completed 11 Project Worksheets totaling just over \$4,400,000 our share after federal share of 25% has been removed.

Categories include debris removal, temp facilities, emergency protective measures, beach repair, road repairs ,buildings and equipment, beach walkways and bulkheads and residential demo. OEM has acquired 2 additional bulldozers through federal surplus to augment our sand pushing efforts at low tide. An additional temporary employee will be dedicated to this effort. Oem, along with Chris Nelson, continues to to seek out and apply for any grants that become available! Verizon has dropped off documents for any resident seeking an alternative solutions to their communication needs...more on that later

- **Councilwoman Nelson**, Public Works Committee, moved six resolutions - acceptance of resignation of John Wardell, appointment of part time admin assistant, Lisa Tilton, changes to order and payment of

storm sewer cleaning project, payment for emergency bypass pumping system, change to order for residential demolition and debris removal project and extension of option for emergency storm response earth work activities - ie sand.

**Public Works:** As always, our public works department was very busy in April. Activities included sand pushing on beach ( 4 dozers), sweeping streets, repairing broken sewer pipes for residents (Hurley and Finch) around town, relocating dumpsters ( how we now appreciate back door pick up) , Boro hall repairs, debris clearing, rebuilding of trash receptacles for beach entrances, repairs on public works equipment and attending various meetings. Thank you to the town for hiring Bill Lackey who has been an invaluable resource to Mantoloking every day pushing sand on the beach when possible and assisting our public works department overall!!! He even responds to MFC calls.

**Construction Official - Timothy Skinner** - submitted his report, issuing 66 permits in April. These covered building, electrical, fire , and plumbing replacements related to the hurricane.  
Fees waived \$17,040.00

Total fees collected \$ 2,782.00

**Land Use Officer- Barbara Allen Woolley- Dillon** - total permits reviewed in April - 41...YTD 83. Approved April 39...YTD 80

**Councilman Strohm**, Dune & Beach Replenishment Committee - bull dozing continues - no report

**Councilman Brown**, Municipal Services Committee - moved one resolution - the appointment of Timothy Skinner to the NFIP Flood Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.

**Councilmen Ness**, Mantoloking Committee, - no report

**Public Hearing:** Mayor Nebel opened the meeting for a public hearing on Ordinance 621 REGULATIONS OF SOIL DISTURBANCE

Mr Wolf -1424 Ocean Ave- commented that the ordinance is unreasonably restrictive with inconsistent definitions. One should not need a permit to re-stone or cover exposed roots . He urged the Council not to adopt 621. It seems members of Council agree and the content /definitions of 621 will be revisited.

***Mayor and Council Comment Session*** - Mayor Nebel reminded residents of the NEW ADDRESS for sending all Borough correspondences - ESPECIALLY TAXES!! It was also mentioned that the State Police will remain in Mantoloking until July 1 ( previously June 1).....applause! A Service Award Plaque was presented 2 1/2 years late to Richard Bradley for his service as President of the Manto Planning Board. Many important issues were undertaken during his tenure and he thanked the support staff.

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### ***Public Comments Session***

#### **UPDATE 12 - CHRIS NELSON**

Outline of update posted on Borough website!

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

##### **BAY**

3 homes have been removed...had to dig channels to 2 in order to remove debris. Sand removal is beginning - MYC is the number one priority on the list so kids can sail.

There is still debate on how much sand will be removed . Sand will be returned to the beach as possible though not by dredging. ..a "clam shell" approach has been decided upon.....to be transported to Lyman Street for sifting and distributed where needed. The sand will not be white. It is expected the process will take 2-3 months to complete. The late start is due to permitting issues.

## DEBRIS

Demolition schedule will be posted on the web site. The situation remains fluid as historical reviews (9) are still pending for some sites. Asbestos issues are also present. To date, 4 homes have been demolished in the Bay Ave area.

## REPLENISHMENT

To date, 123 of the needed 128 easements have been signed and returned. June 1 is the deadline and every effort is being made to obtain the remaining 5. **NO DEP PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A SIGNED EASEMENT.** Litigation is always an option.... Manto is not losing its priority status as a result of these unsigned easements. In the meantime, the town is reviewing different technologies for revetments.

## BEACH

The side scan sonar has been completed and large debris removed. The Point Pleasant Beach Dive Team also had a look - only thing found was a stereo! Debris does continue to wash ashore and there is a pile by Downer Avenue.

We had a beach clean up and over 150 people turned out to participate including teams from Investors Bank and Newark Schools...**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED!!!**

**AN IMPORTANT NOTE - PLEASE STAY AWAY FROM THE BULLDOZERS WHEN THEY ARE PUSHING SAND....THEY CANNOT SEE YOU!!!**

Beach access ways have all been seriously compromised and will not be rebuilt this season. There will be several path ways (no steps) created in town framed by dune fencing. There will be a sign "disclaimer" at each access point explaining the risks....please exercise caution...if the sign says NO - DO NOT USE.

Beach badges will go on sale June 15 and **WILL BE MANDATORY FOR ALL.** The beach will be patrolled by MPD. Until then, use your Manto passes....stay away from construction, dozers and houses.

## HARRY VISIT

It was the first Royal visit to Manto and it went well - pics posted on web site. It was a good opportunity to go over important issues with Governor Christie...taxes, Route 35, etc. Access to the "visit" was run by the State Department .....

## Questions

Hank Rzemieniewski - will the names of any non signers be made available on June 2? There is potential for 3 major hurricanes - what can be done to protect Manto? Condemnation takes time and **THE TIME HAS COME TO RELEASE THE NAMES!**

Holdouts do not have anything to do with the storms. Regardless, we have not lost our priority status . If they do not sign, there will be litigation...IT IS A FACT...one last initiative will be taken. It is up to the Mayor to release the names. We are continuing to work with the State on the possibility of revetments in addition to replenishment. There are already big "named" storms brewing off the coast of Africa.

Bill - thank you to Chris for doing such a great job. Question regarding revetments - the North end already has revetments in the works - how are they getting it done?

The revetment project in the North end has been privately organized and funded and is an extension of the Bay Head project. The DEP gave special permission for the continuation - currently 10 homes in Manto plus the South Beach Association. If the town gets involved, it becomes MUCH more expensive. In any case, what ever is done needs to be contiguous.

Nancy Ness - is the water in town potable? Can we get some specific info from water company?

yes

Peter Flihan - we need NJAM to TEST our water!

Mark Hawkings reiterated is request to allow remediation work to be conducted on Sundays to expedite...Has any action been taken? Also - how will family members and guests get past barricades?

Additional resident passes can be made available to family members...Monday-Wednesday at OEM Center. We need Barnegat Lane and East Avenue to remain as clear as possible for emergency vehicles as RT 35 is a MESS!!!

Joan Mattia - is there any plan for the clean up of north lagoon area - also there are no sidewalks on Bergen?

Currently no plan - there is still so much infrastructure that needs to get fixed...sidewalks will not get replaced in time for this summer season. Both lagoons are on the list for sand removal - the clean up will take 2-3 months.

There were a series of questions/comments regarding walking, biking, running, etc on Barnegat, East and on the beach....what are the regulations? There seem to be a lot of non residents inside the check points and on the beach.

**YOU NEED TO HAVE YOUR PASS TO WALK, BIKE, RUN, ETC BEYOND THE CHECK POINTS AND ON THE BEACH.**

**PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND STAY AWAY FROM ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION AND THE BULL DOZERS WHILE THEY ARE WORKING!!**

VERIZON PANEL

Three representatives from Verizon were present to provide information

71% of the copper network was destroyed during Sandy...they do not plan to replace....copper is apparently not the future and will always be vulnerable to weather events.

Their plan is "voice link" - looks like a linksys - which ports into an existing working jack and will provide dial tone to all phones in the house (presumably). 911 calls will automatically show your address and there is a battery back up in place providing 2 hours talk time and 36 hours standby. At the moment, the voice link system DOES NOT SUPPORT DATA OR ALARMS...so no fax capabilities. It is apparently up to the alarm companies to figure this one out for us. Call forwarding and 3-way will be available.

Verizon has 5 overlapping cell sites servicing Manto, supported by 8 hours of battery backup plus generators if needed....they feel this is a very resilient network. Verizon has determined that wireless is the future and will continue to invest in technologies to improve their wireless network performance. They offer a device called a jet pac for data which can handle multiple devices in the home....a personal

version good for 30 feet and a larger device good to 300 feet.

#### QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Peter Flihan - concerned that Verizon does not follow up /maintain parts for older phones.....not happy with voice link - reception is poor and filled with static....20% of their outgoing connections end up in a "welcome to Verizon" voice tree...also does not work on 50% of the phones in the house and does not always allow you to leave messages on outgoing calls.

Bob Post - currently using voice link. **BIG PROBLEM - NOT ABLE TO CHECK HIS PACE MAKER VIA VOICE LINK...**  
right now the only option is to use an acoustic coupler

The question was asked whether Verizon has plans to offer FIOS/television service in Manto

answer is NO

Jim Stanton - Is the Verizon decision to replace copper with voice link universal or just Manto?

voice link is not comparable to a land line

Verizon has received subsidies to provide service to rural/small areas - why is only Manto being cut off from copper?...why isn't FIOS available....it would seem an ideal time for Verizon to be installing the capabilities with all the reconstruction taking place..

[Not universal - others not as affected -a few other places like Fire Island](#)

Connie commented that we do not have to use Verizon services - it is a competitive environment and it appears that Verizon does not want to make the investment in our "Small" community

**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.

**REMINDER**

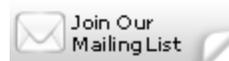
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