

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 were present.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the minutes of the June council meeting were passed.

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Councilman Witkowski, Finance Committee , moved to accept the report of the Municipal Finance Officer, Michele Swisher. As of May 31, year to date expenditures \$2,032,458.68, encumbered \$81,225.67 for a balance of \$1,928,289.43 vs budget of \$4,041,973.78. Revenue to date \$4,757,082.28.

Bill payments in the amount of \$1,965,433.48 were approved for the month of July.

Councilman Gillingham, Public Safety Committee - moved 3 resolutions pertaining to the appointment of a Municipal Public

Defender, authorizing administrative refunds by the Chief Financial Officer for sums less than \$1,000 and a petition to the NJDOT to add traffic lights at Lyman and Albertson Streets respectively. These lights would remain green on Route 35 unless triggered.

Police Chief Mark Wright reported 255 incidents during June . These included various alarms, 18 agency assists, 12 ordinance violations, 11 building checks, 2 animal complaints, boat and traffic summonses, 5 arrests and 1 police information & assistance. Chief Wright distributed and reviewed the new reporting format...covering regular police officer availability, special officer availability, department budget status, officer deployment and vehicle maintenance. Worth noting , ytd non- salary expenditures for the department are currently \$73,947.07 vs budget of \$222,133.00!! Also part of the new report is monthly activity comparison..ie..indictable complaints for June 2012 17 vs June 2011, Dwi tickets 2 vs 2, disorderly persons 9 vs 0 to illustrate a few.

Mantoloking Fire Company responded to 20 fire calls, held 2 training drills and one business meeting. The calls included a flower pot fire, grill fire and car fire....alarms, and a MPD assist.

Councilwoman Nelson, Public Works Committee, moved 3 resolutions for return of Motzenbecker surety bond, authorizing partial payment for improvements on Old Bridge and Bay Aves and introduction of Ordinance 614 amending land use regulations - fences. A public hearing will take place at the August meeting.

Public works department was busy completing 30 tasks in the month of June. These including the completion of the sand push, various clean ups and replacements of walkways, keep off dune signage, cleaning of bulldozers, installing of dog waste stations in 4 locations electronics pick up, parade related activities and sand fencing installations.

Construction Official Wardell submitted his report, issuing 23 permits and 2 updates during June. These covered electric, kitchen renovation, siding, repair second story porch, alarms, new construction, decks, roofs, demolitions, etc.

Land Use Officer Vito Marinaccio submitted his report including

receipt of 25 applications.

Councilman Strohm, Dune & Beach Replenishment Committee reported that a friendly reminder will be sent out to designated Boro residents outlining the can and cannot list of dune behavior. Given the critical nature of our dune maintenance, it is important that everyone be aware of activities that might undermine the Boro initiatives.. . again...there is not much more the Boro can do other than planting and **KEEPING OFF THE DUNES!!! THIS MEANS DOGS TOO!!** The plants are extremely fragile and cannot stand up to the trampling of people and pets. If you see something...say something....call police headquarters and an officer will be dispatched to handle the trespassers. Lavallette has very steep fines - \$1000.00 per offense for dune violations. The question was raised whether our fines are punitive enough. Ordinance 615 was introduced to amend current exclusion of dogs at Lyman Street beach access. A final reading will take place at the August meeting.

Councilman Brown, Municipal Services Committee - N/R

Councilmen Ness, Mantoloking Committee, N/R

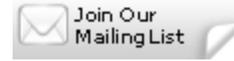
During the ***Mayor and Council Comment Session***, Councilman Nelson reported that the shared services agreement with Bay Head to obtain a truck for the cleaning of sewers via a DEP grant will most likely not take place. A bond is apparently required to move forward.

During the ***Public Comments Session***, resident Mike Lucciola expressed concern about the safety of crossing Route 35 at Lyman Street. Although commending the proposed petition for a traffic light, he questioned whether there are more immediate actions that can be taken to improve dangerous conditions at that intersection. Cars veer around the signs and cones into the shoulder, creating potentially hazardous situations for the pedestrians attempting to navigate the crossing. Chief Wright will look into the possibilities.

The next meeting will take place Monday August 20 at 4:30



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