

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 July 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 June 30, year to date expenditures \$2,253,761.96,encumbered \$72,168.74 for a balance of \$1,716,043.08 vs budget of \$4,041,973.78. Revenue to date \$4,878,516.89.

Bill payments in the amount of \$531,272.82 were approved for the 2011 Municipal Audit Report.

Councilman Gillingham, Public Safety Committee - moved four resolutions in addition to the reports below for Police, Fire and OEM.

The first was to authorize professional service contracts for public and alternate public defenders. The remaining involved refunds of police outside employment fees, seasonal part-time police help to assist with parking enforcement and highway crossings and the sale of a police vehicle.

Police Chief Mark On behalf of Chief Wright, Lt. John Barcus reported a total of 286 police responses during July. These included various alarms, 20 agency assists, 9 ordinance violations, 10 arrests, 3 animal complaints, 17 boat summonses, 139 traffic stops, 12 mv accidents and 10 police info and assistance.

Fire Chief Larry Gilman The MFC responded to 21 fire calls, held 2 drills and the regularly scheduled business meeting during the month of July. Included were various fire and co alarms, wires down, standby for Station 21, smoke investigation, structural fire in Bay head, arcing wires, power lines on fire and a swimmer in distress. 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 !! **Another important reminder-** please leave a house key with the Police station....easy access is a big advantage to both the Police and MFC when responding to alarms.

OEM Coordinator Robert McIntyre *Hurricane season is upon us! Please evacuate when asked and WAIT TO HEAR when it is safe to return. Pre planning is always recommended....have a high ground go to location. This applies to hurricanes and northeasters as well, where bay flooding can be a serious issue. Familiarize yourself with the evacuation route that pertains to your location. These can be found on the Borough website along with other good tips and suggestions. Remember..MANDATORY means MANDATORY and is enforceable by law...for your own protection. Don't forget to have a plan for your pets, too!*

Councilwoman Nelson, Public Works Committee, moved 2

resolutions for the sale of municipal personal property in the form of a Public Works bulldozer to Devino Used Trucks Parts for \$6,267.00 and a Public Works pick up truck to Jersey One Auto Sales for \$1,822.99. In addition, following a public hearing during which there was no public comment, a resolution to adopt an amendment to land use ordinance 614 was passed. This ordinance pertains to the replacement of existing sections of fencing and increases the allowance to 32 linear feet from 30' previously stipulated.

Public works department, as always, had a very busy month of July. In addition to responding to MFC calls, their tasks included an assortment of repairs and installations in the Borough, including the installation of the Centennial Plaque. Carpentry work at the Police Station, painting of beach access steps, maintenance of PW vehicles, some gardening at Boro Hall, 3 street sweeps, overgrowth trimmings, Bergen beach clean ups and rope fencing at Boro Hall were only a few more of their completed initiatives. Dog bags and signs were installed at Lyman and Williams street beach accesses.

Construction Official Wardell submitted his report, issuing 14 permits and 3 updates during July.. These covered new home electric, irrigation, dune boardwalk extension, tank removal, tent lighting and ac/furnace replacements.

Land Use Officer Vito Marinaccio submitted his report including receipt of 14 applications of which 11 have been approved.

Councilman Strohm, Dune & Beach Replenishment Committee reported that the dunes are in good shape. Letters sent to ocean front owners with issues have all been satisfactorily resolved. Notifications have also been sent outlining the Do's and Don'ts' regarding the dunes. There has been a favorable response there as well.

A resolution pertaining to the dedication of the Centennial Commemorative Plaque...expressing sincere appreciation for the successful planning and implementation of the Centennial Celebration...was passed! Thanks you the entire list of committee members and volunteers! Following a public hearing during which there was no public comment, a resolution to amend beach regulations ordinance 615 was passed. This will extend the rights of beach access by dogs to Lyman Street, consistent with the rest of the Borough accesses.

Councilman Brown, Municipal Services Committee - reported that Mantoloking was one of 9 communities to obtain the lowest

approved FEMA rating of 6. This is great news and reflects on the success of the Boro's initiatives for dune maintenance , construction requirements, and the outstanding job done by officials at every level, especially sited - OEM. You might want to make sure your insurance company is aware of this development. It could save insurance \$\$\$.

Letters were sent to 100 residents for site and sidewalk vegetation obstructions.

Councilmen Ness, Mantoloking Committee, moved 1 resolution - Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Identification Statement - pertaining to the submission of expenditure for taxes paid during 2011 in the amount of \$1,491.00.

During the ***Mayor and Council Comment Session***, Councilman Witkowski commended the outstanding job done by Michele and the Finance Committee on the audit....clean results!!! The Boro would like to extend thanks to the Shaffer Family for the use of their water at the Bergen Avenue garden.

During the ***Public Comments Session***, resident Carol Leone expressed concern that after 5 pm there are violations taking place on the beach...including, but not limited to food and beverage consumption. It was strongly suggested that such violations, if they are observed, be reported to the Manto Police. Lt. John Barcus indicated that citations are being issued, but with 2 miles of beach to cover, they need the help of residents to pin point the location of infractions.

Pete Joner, JCPL Area Manager, Customer & Community Relations for our region offered some very useful information regarding power outages. The first tip is to call 800-544-4877 if you lose power. It is very important that you make the call as this will enable JCPL to collect data regarding the significance of the outage in your area. They prioritize restoring power with hazards to public safety first. Second is the restoration of transmission and substation facilities, followed by public service organizations including fire and police, hospitals, nursing homes, radio and tv stations. Restoring power as quickly as possible to the rest of the customers is prioritized according to the scope of the outages, with the larger areas first. This is why it is important to call so your data can be counted! JCPL has launched a new campaign to improve communication with the communities it services. This includes dissemination of information via Facebook and Twitter. They will also

keep their new Power Center website updated with the latest news...www.Firstenergycorp.com.

Pete also mentioned STEMS - a grant program for teachers K-12 for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Information is available on their website.

Meeting was adjourned to Closed Session

Mantoloking Centennial items are still available. If you have not picked up ordered items, please call Denise at 908-600-9911.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 4:30 PM

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