

This is the view on Route 35 South the morning after “Superstorm Sandy” caused unprecedented damage throughout Mantoloking and left most residents wondering what to do first.

October 30, 2012



Fortunately, a group of Mantoloking volunteers under the leadership of Councilman Bob McIntyre had, for several years, been developing plans to guide Mantoloking in such an emergency.



With the help of its partners, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, the Ocean County Police, and the New Jersey National Guard; Mantoloking's Office of Emergency Management mobilized and took charge of the borough's recovery efforts.



The Mantoloking Office of Emergency Management and its partners were challenged by the number and magnitude of the projects to be undertaken.



Secure & equip a temporary town hall & police headquarters

Pay the wages to police & other emergency personnel working extraordinary hours

Replace damaged & destroyed police vehicles

Remove storm debris from local streets

Repair & resupply the firehouse

Bulldoze sand to rebuild protective dunes

Repair local roads

Restore police & other borough services

Restore beach crossovers & bulkheads

Repair town roads & curbs

Repair the municipal parking lot

Remove debris from private property

Demolish & remove 50+ badly damaged homes

In recognition of the potential cost of the restoration work required, the mayor & council passed three emergency authorizations to spend funds the borough did not yet have. Over the next three months, the borough authorized spending up to \$7.1 million on storm restoration.



Emergency Resolution 1	\$2,000,000
Emergency Resolution 2	\$2,000,000
Emergency Resolution 3	\$3,100,000

The OEM recommended and council expended the funds carefully with an eye toward the degree to which FEMA would share the costs. Currently up to 90% of Mantoloking’s “Sandy” expenses are eligible for FEMA reimbursement. The chart here & on the following page details the cost of local projects, the FEMA share, and the amount the borough had actually received by August, 2013.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>90% FEMA SHARE</u>	<u>FEMA RECEIPTS</u>
Secure & equip a temporary town hall & police headquarters	\$123,707	\$111,336	\$107,640
Provide emergency police & other protective services	\$1,322,330	\$1,190,097	\$1,850,983
Replace damaged police vehicles	\$81,840	\$73,656	\$74,771
Remove storm debris from local streets	\$39,949	\$35,954	\$35,954
Repair & resupply firehouse	\$47,713	\$42,942	\$42,941
Bulldoze sand to rebuild protective dunes	\$72,788	\$65,509	\$27,295
Repair local roads	\$547,495	\$492,746	\$394,407

“SANDY” RELATED EXPENSES & FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>90% FEMA SHARE</u>	<u>FEMA RECEIPTS</u>
Restore police & other borough services	\$62,137	\$55,923	\$55,924
Restore beach crossovers & bulkheads	\$510,140	\$459,126	\$0
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Remove debris from private property	\$847,394	\$762,655	\$317,772
Demolish & remove 50+ badly damaged homes	\$2,334,248	\$2,100,823	\$875,343
Repair town roads & curbs	\$697,856	\$628,070	\$0
Repair municipal parking lot	\$65,488	\$58,939	\$0
TOTAL	\$6,753,084	\$6,084,324	\$3,783,035

Mantoloking's success in qualifying for and receiving FEMA aid is largely attributable to two borough employees; Stacy Ferris, a police department sergeant temporarily assigned as the borough's liaison with FEMA, who

prepared the required reports, and Michelle Swisher, the borough's chief financial officer, who recorded and reported FEMA qualified expenditures and receipts according to the needs of the agency.





And Mantoloking's efforts to achieve as much restoration as possible while taking full advantage of the emergency assistant available from the federal government were indeed successful. In this worst case example (no additional FEMA money received after August), of \$7.1 million the borough was prepared to spend, it will spend only \$2.8 million.

Emergency Authorizations	\$7,100,000
Expended or Committed	\$6,753,084
FEMA Reimbursements	(\$3,783,035)
Insurance Proceeds	<u>(\$325,788)</u>
Net Cost of "Sandy"	\$2,820,049



In this best case example, however, (all FEMA entitlements as of August received), the net cost of "SANDY" could be as low as \$343,000.

Emergency Authorizations	\$7,100,000
Expended or Committed	\$6,753,084
FEMA Reimbursements	(\$6,084,324)
Insurance Proceeds	<u>(\$325,788)</u>
Net Cost of "Sandy"	\$342,972