

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING
OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

July 22, 2014

Mantoloking Yacht Club

1224 Bay Ave.

Mantoloking, NJ 08738

A Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held this day at the Mantoloking Yacht Club, 1224 Bay Avenue, Mantoloking, NJ with the following actions:

CALL TO ORDER Mayor George C. Nebel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT Mayor George C. Nebel

In compliance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting of the Mantoloking Borough Council has been advertised in the manner provided by law.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Ann Elizabeth Nelson, Councilmen Peter R. Strohm, Chris Nelson, Robert McIntyre, Council President Steve Gillingham

Absent: Councilman James J. Brown

Also Present: Acting Borough Clerk Beverley Konopada, Borough Attorney Edwin J. O'Malley, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor George C. Nebel led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR Mayor George C. Nebel opened the meeting for public comment and questions about the agenda.

There were comments and questions from four audience members. Several questions were raised with regards to The Rogers Group, LLC contract availability and specific contents of the contract, and are they the same consulting group that was used in the 1970's. There was a comment made stating the Borough should follow the chain of command for promoting the next Chief of Police. Also a question was asked if there had been any thoughts about out-sourcing the Police Department.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Councilman Robert McIntyre

Councilman McIntyre moved the following Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chris Nelson and approved by the following roll-call vote.

AYE:

Councilmen	P. Strohm
	C. Nelson
	S. Gillingham
	R. McIntyre

NAY:

Councilwoman B. Nelson

ABSTAIN: None

A.RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING THE RODGERS GROUP, LLC

WHEREAS, the Office of the Chief of Police is vacant because of the retirement of Mark Wright; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council must select a new chief from within the Department, and wants to identify the person from within the department who offers the highest prospect for successful Department leadership within the context of applicable law, the purposes of the Police Ordinance, the Rules and Regulations and the standards of fiscal management/administration as established by the Mayor and Council, the Statutory Appropriate Authority; and

WHEREAS, there are three (3) candidates who, according to the municipal code are eligible for and have expressed a desire that they be considered for the position; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee is in the process of developing a selection procedure which will enable fair consideration of each candidate and, ultimately, a final decision by the Mayor and Council as to that candidate who, in the informed view of the governing body will be best suited to advance all of the relevant requirements of the Borough and the Department; and

WHEREAS, the selection of a successor is a matter of significant public interest; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to avail itself of such resources as will facilitate a proper and legally sustainable selection; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee has recommended the engagement of a consultant expert in Police Management to assist in the refinement and implementation of the selection process, to make recommendations as to selection, and to provide interim Department management/administration as the consultant and the public safety committee deem appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the consultant will report to the Public Safety Committee and to the Mayor and Council, as the Appropriate Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee has considered proposals from The Rodgers Group, LLC

and the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police and, concluded that, based upon experience and capability, The Rodgers Group, LLC is most qualified to provide the desired consultant services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Contract, attached, sets forth the terms and condition of engagement of The Rodgers Group, LLC, as a consultant; and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Funds Availability is on file, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mantoloking, Ocean County, New Jersey, do hereby approve the engagement of The Rodgers Group, LLC to provide consulting services concerning leadership and management of the Mantoloking Police Department according to; the terms and conditions of engagement set forth in the attached Contract.

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FURTHER RESOLVED The Mayor is authorized and requested to execute the Contract.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilman Chris Nelson mentioned that tax bills will be mailed out and that the bills need to be paid by August 19th, and there will be a minor increase. The Mayor suggested residents take a look at the 3 year total picture with regards to this increase.

Councilwoman Beth Nelson stated that on July 29 at 4:00 pm and July 31 at 7:00 pm the Architect, Dan Lynch, will be available with preliminary plans for the new town hall. These meetings will be held upstairs in Fire Dept. Also Councilwoman Nelson welcomed two new members and a consultant for technical issues to the Borough Hall committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERIOD

There was one comment from the audience as to why the consulting contract was not available.

NEXT MEETING

Workshop Council Meeting, Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 8:30 am at the Temporary Borough Hall, 340 Drum Point Road, 2nd Floor, Brick, NJ

Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Mantoloking Yacht Club, 1224 Bay Avenue, Mantoloking, NJ

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the meeting, it was motioned by Councilman Nelson to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman McIntyre and approved by unanimous voice vote at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverley A. Konopada
Acting Borough Clerk