



BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

5:30 p.m.

CAUCUS

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

MEETING STATEMENT- 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: Mayor White, Councilman Amarante, Councilwoman Benz, Councilman Conti, Councilman Nelson
Dialed in: Councilman Batcha, Councilman Celentano
Absent: none
Also Present: Beverley A. Konopada, Borough Clerk, Lynne Hazelet, Deputy Clerk, Borough Attorney Jean Cipriani, Esq., Borough Administrator Brett Radi

- Discussion Item: None

PUBLIC COMMENT- On agenda items only – No comments were made.

ADJOURN CAUCUS: Motion: Councilman Nelson, Second: Councilman Amarante all in favor – Aye

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT- On agenda items only – No comments were made

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. 23-78

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED, the Mantoloking Borough Council approved the minutes for Caucus-Regular Business Meeting as printed and distributed.

Caucus-Regular Business Meeting March 21, 2023

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
AMARANTE			X			
BATCHA			X			
BENZ	X		X			
CELENTANO			X			
CONTI			X			
NELSON		X	X			
		VOTE	6			
MAYOR WHITE-TIE BREAKER						
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X				

RESOLVED, the Mantoloking Borough Council approved the minutes for Executive Session Meeting as printed and distributed.

Executive Session, March 21, 2023

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
AMARANTE		X	X			
BATCHA			X			
BENZ			X			
CELENTANO			X			
CONTI			X			
NELSON	X		X			
		VOTE	6			
MAYOR WHITE-TIE BREAKER						
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X				

RESOLVED, the Mantoloking Borough Council approved the minutes Special Meeting as printed and distributed.

Special Meeting, April 4, 2023

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
AMARANTE			X			
BATCHA			X			
BENZ		X	X			
CELENTANO			X			
CONTI			X			
NELSON	X		X			
		VOTE	6			
MAYOR WHITE-TIE BREAKER						
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X				

ORDINANCE-FIRST (INTRODUCTION) READ BY TITLE- None

ORDINANCE-SECOND READING- PUBLIC HEARING (ADOPTION) READ BY TITLE

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor White opened the floor for comments on Ordinance 2023-5 – No comments were made.

Clerk Konopada read the titles of the following ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-5

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, SO AS TO AMEND CHAPTER 13 ENTITLED “BUILDING AND HOUSING”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the governing body of the Borough of Mantoloking, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Borough Code of the Borough of Mantoloking is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend Chapter 13, entitled “Building and Housing,” so as to amend §13-3.1 entitled “Building Subcode Fees,” so as to amend (e) so that it shall read as follows:

(e) Fees for swimming pools shall be as follows:

(1) Inground \$1,000.00

(2) Inground with pilings \$1,500.00

SECTION 2. The Borough Code of the Borough of Mantoloking is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend Chapter 13, entitled "Building and Housing," so as to amend §13-3.2 entitled "Plumbing Subcode Fees," in order to add subsection d. which shall read as follows:

d. For pool heaters: \$100.00; and \$50.00 for each drain inlet.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
AMARANTE		X	X			
BATCHA			X			
BENZ			X			
CELENTANO			X			
CONTI			X			
NELSON	X		X			
		VOTE	6			
MAYOR WHITE-TIE BREAKER						
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X				

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor White opened the floor for comments on Ordinance 2023-6 – No comments were made.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-6

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit an increase in said budget to 2.50%, unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.50% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.50% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mantoloking in the County of Ocean finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2023 budget by up to 3.50% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determined that a 3.50% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$175,105.04 of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mantoloking, in the County of Ocean, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Mantoloking shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.50% amounting to \$175,105.04, and the CY 2023 municipal budget for the Borough of Mantoloking be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said director within 5 days after such adoption.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
AMARANTE	X		X			
BATCHA			X			
BENZ			X			
CELENTANO			X			
CONTI			X			
NELSON		X	X			
		VOTE	6			
MAYOR WHITE-TIE BREAKER						
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X				

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed are considered to be routine by the governing body and will be approved by one motion. If separate discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Councilwoman Benz requested that Resolution 23-82 Supporting the Moratorium on the Construction of Offshore Wind Farms be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

RESOLUTIONS

- 23-79 Authorizing Acceptance of the Report of the Municipal Finance Officer
- 23-80 Authorizing the Establishment of Administrative Employee Salaries for 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 23-79

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING
ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER**

“SEE ATTACHED REPORT”

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
AMARANTE		X	X			
BATCHA			X			
BENZ			X			
CELENTANO			X			
CONTI			X			
NELSON	X		X			
		VOTE	6			
MAYOR WHITE-TIE BREAKER						
CONSENT AGENDA	YES X	NO				

RESOLUTION NO. 23-80

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE
EMPLOYEE SALARIES FOR 2023**

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended annual salaries for Borough employees for 2023; and

WHEREAS, Council has endorsed the salary recommendations.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, this 18th of April, 2023, **RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mantoloking, Ocean County, New Jersey, that the schedule set forth below is adopted for 2023:

2023 REGULAR EMPLOYEES

NAME

TITLE

SALARY

Radi, Brett	Business Administrator	62,100.00
Boettger, Elizabeth	Court Administrator	25,927.99
	Court Call Out Incidents (3HR. Minimum)	20.00/HR
Burdge, Kelly	Administrative Assistant (Police Department)	64,160.17
DalCorso, Gary	Tax Assessor/Tax Appeal Agent	21,713.64
Faljean, Vanessa	TACO/Planning Board Secretary	60,030.00
	Planning Bd Recording Sec'y	\$100/Per Session
Morgano, Todd J.	Construction Official/Acting Building Sub-code Official (24 hours x 52 weeks x \$32.65 per hour)	40,743.69
Hazelet, Lynne	Deputy Borough Clerk/Deputy Registrar	70,577.77
	Recording Sec-Council Meeting	\$100.00 Per Session
Hulse, Paul Scott	Public Works Supervisor	97,416.55
Bland, Scott	Public Works Laborer	64,161.22
Patrick Donald	Public Works Laborer	52,785.00
Konopada, Beverley	Municipal Clerk Registrar of Vital Statics	108,209.25
Pintado, Steven G.	Finance/Tax Collector Administrative Assistant	57,745.87

2023 REGULAR EMPLOYEES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Piszar, Ronald	Fire Official (2 Hours Per Week)	4,319.92
	Fire Subcode Official (2 Hours Per Week)	6,356.21
	Add'l Hours Paid Hourly	\$38.50/HR

Yezzi, April

Chief Financial Officer
Tax Collector
Qualified Purchasing Agent

106,207.39

Grenley, Stephen

Electrical Subcode Official
(4.5 hrs per week x 52 weeks x \$41.66 per hour)

9,748.69

Purves, Glen

Plumbing Subcode Official
(4.5 hrs per week x 52 weeks x \$41.66 per hour)

9,748.69

2023 PART TIME/ SEASONAL EMPLOYEES**NAME****TITLE****SALARY**

Gluck, James

Magistrate

1,731.35/Court Session
(Annual Salary \$20,776.18)

Morra, Donna

Deputy Court Administrator

\$100 Per Session

Smith, Pat

Administrative Assistant/
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer

\$29.77/HR

Burdge, Kelley

Beach Manager (Summer Stipend)

4,000.00/Beach Season

DeBrito, Stephen

Building Inspector

\$50.00/HR

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
AMARANTE		X	X			
BATCHA			X			
BENZ			X			
CELENTANO			X			
CONTI			X			
NELSON	X		X			
		VOTE	6			
MAYOR WHITE-TIE BREAKER						
CONSENT AGENDA	YES X	NO				

RESOLUTION NO. 23-81

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF**

**NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SUPERVISOR OF PUBLIC
WORKS' CONTRACT.**

WHEREAS, Scott Hulse is currently under an employment contract with the Borough of Mantoloking (hereinafter "Borough") to serve as a Supervisor in the Department of Public Works;

WHEREAS, under the employment agreement, Mr. Hulse is set to receive a 2% annual salary increase for the coming calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to increase Mr. Hulse's annual salary increase to 3.5% to ensure the Supervisor salary is competitive with similar positions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough may unilaterally amend Mr. Hulse's employment contract to increase his annual salary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Mantoloking, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Borough grants Mr. Hulse a 3.5% annual increase, which shall take effect on January 1, 2023 (\$97,416.55).
2. That the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and attest to, respectively, any documentation necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, including, but not limited to, amending the current employment contract between the Borough and Mr. Hulse.
3. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough Administrator and Mr. Hulse.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
AMARANTE		X	X			
BATCHA			X			
BENZ			X			
CELENTANO			X			
CONTI			X			
NELSON	X		X			
		VOTE	6			

MAYOR WHITE-TIE BREAKER						
CONSENT AGENDA	YES X	NO				

RESOLUTIONS TO BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY

23-82 Supporting the Moratorium on the Construction of Offshore Wind Farms

Councilwomen Benz explained why she could not support the proposed resolution as it calls for a moratorium on the wind farms which she does not believe is required under the circumstances.

- We need to investigate and mitigate where we can.
- If we don't do something with greenhouse gases, we are at a tipping point in the environment right now. Whales and dolphins are going to be in far worse shape if nothing is done.
- The sea level is rising, reduction of fish, habitats, loss of marine life habitat, species, coral reefs.
- We need to do something to mitigate and come up with sources of clean energy.

Mayor commented part of the problem and part of the objection is people feel that the wind farms haven't been adequately explored in terms of the ramifications of what they can do. The question becomes how do we act to protect whales and dolphins.

Councilwoman Benz added wind farms have been successfully erected throughout the world.

Councilman Nelson commented the desire to put the moratorium, feeling that the engineering and survey crews that go out and site the wind farms, are actually sending off sonar. More of the construction aspect with sonar.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-82

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING THE MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF OFFSHORE WIND FARMS

WHEREAS, there are currently multiple wind turbine projects to construct offshore wind farms 10 to 20 miles off the coast of Ocean County in various stages of development; and

WHEREAS, local residents, business and tourism leaders, elected officials and environmental groups have expressed concerns about the impact of these wind turbines on the local environment and economy; and

WHEREAS, these concerns include the effects wind turbines may have on migratory birds and sea mammals, such as the North American Right Whale and on the commercial fishing industry's vital offshore fishing grounds; and

WHEREAS, residents and business owners have concerns about the irrevocably negative impact on the coastal viewshed that will result from these turbines being visible from Long Beach Island and other oceanfront beach locations and how this visual pollution will affect tourism and local property values; and

WHEREAS, Ocean County's 44 miles of white sand beaches and shore areas are the centerpiece of the tourism trade and play a vital role in Ocean County's economy creating thousands of jobs annually and generating approximately \$7 billion in revenue for the local economies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's \$2.5 billion annual fishing industry continues to thrive, providing numerous economic benefits including employment opportunities, and

WHEREAS, similar concerns have been raised by neighboring coastal counties; and

WHEREAS, the wind turbines have raised concerns of some environmentalists who claim that the recent increase in whale deaths along the New Jersey Coast and the Eastern Seaboard could be the result of sonar and other surveys being conducted prior to the wind farm construction; and

WHEREAS, further study is necessary concerning the high-voltage electrical mainline connecting the windmills to the power grid, which will pass directly under the Barnegat Bay and could have a negative impact on the fragile bay and surrounding environments, including Island Beach State Park; and

WHEREAS, while this governing body recognizes the importance of pursuing new and clean energy sources, it acknowledges serious objections and concerns which have not been addressed as these projects continue to move through the planning stages.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Mantoloking, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey joins the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, Congressman Chris Smith, Congressman Jeff Van Drew and neighboring coastal counties requesting that the Federal Government and State of New Jersey implement a moratorium on offshore wind energy projects until all concerns are fully addressed including any others that may arise before construction of offshore windfarms are allowed to commence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Phil Murphy, the 9th and 10th Legislative District offices, Congressman Chris Smith and Jeff Van Drew, the Ocean County Mayors Association and all Ocean County Mayors.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
AMARANTE	X		X			
BATCHA			X			
BENZ				X		
CELENTANO			X			
CONTI			X			
NELSON		X	X			
		VOTE	5	1		
MAYOR WHITE-TIE BREAKER						
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X				

Mayor White welcomed the Borough Auditor, Robert Oliwa to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor White opened the floor for comments on the 2023 Municipal Budget

Councilman Nelson complimented the entire finance group for an outstanding job, and noted that this was the earliest the Borough has approved the budget.
Mayor White added everyone worked hard and efficiently. This is an important document for our town.

23-83 Authorizing the Adoption of the Municipal Budget 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 23- 83

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY
OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR ADOPTION
OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET 2023**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mantoloking, County of Ocean that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes of the sums therein as set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$4,605,347.96 for municipal purposes.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues	
Surplus Anticipated	\$825,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	1,189,278.94
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	57,000.00
2. Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purposes	4,605,347.96
TOTAL REVENUES	\$6,676,626.90

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. General Appropriations:	
Within "CAPS"	
Operations Including Contingent	\$4,638,896.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	639,860.00
Excluded from "CAPS"	
Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	260,395.90
Capital Improvements	363,000.00
Municipal Debt Service	449,475.00
Deferred Charges - Municipal	12,000.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	313,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$6,676,626.90

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the governing body on the 18th day of April, 2023. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2023 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

BEVERLEY A. KONOPADA, RMC
Borough Clerk, Borough of Mantoloking

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
AMARANTE	X		X			
BATCHA			X			
BENZ			X			
CELENTANO			X			
CONTI		X	X			
NELSON			X			
		VOTE	6			
MAYOR WHITE-TIE BREAKER						
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X				

RESOLUTION NO. 23 –84

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO MOTT MACDONALD ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, NJDOT COORDINATION/PROJECT MANAGEMENT, BIDDING ASSISTANCE, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT INSPECTION AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR BAY AVENUE AND ARNOLD STREET IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional engineering services associated with the preparation of contract documents, NJDOT coordination/project management, bidding assistance, and construction management inspection and administration services for the Bay Avenue and Arnold Street Improvements.; and

WHEREAS, the performance of these services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2, and the Borough has

determined that Mott MacDonald has the ability and expertise to perform the Municipal services required by the Borough and is duly qualified to provide the above-referenced services; and

WHEREAS, Mott MacDonald has provided the Borough with a proposal dated April 11, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body to appoint Mott MacDonald Engineers to provide contract documents, NJDOT coordination/project management, bidding assistance, and construction management inspection and administration services for the Bay Avenue and Arnold Street Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$53,900.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are funds available for this contract, which certification is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, authorizes the award of contracts for "Professional Services" and requires that the resolution and contract be made available for public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mantoloking, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Mott MacDonald Engineers is hereby authorized to provide professional engineering services associated with the preparation of contract documents, NJDOT coordination/project management, bidding assistance, and construction management inspection and administration services for the Bay Avenue and Arnold Street Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$53,900.00, in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Schedule A.

2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to, respectively, the attached agreement with Mott MacDonald Engineers, in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

3. That this contract is awarded as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for services to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

4. That the Business Disclosure Entity Certification on file with the Borough for Mott MacDonald Engineers shall be placed with this resolution.

5. That a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Mantoloking

6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

7. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Borough Clerk to the Purchasing Agent, the Chief Financial Officer and Mott MacDonald Engineers.

8. That a certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto. The following are the line item appropriations or ordinances which constitute the availability of funds for this contract:

Councilman Nelson commented:

- DOT approved application to get a permit for the tie in at the pump station at Downer Ave.
- This will help to mitigate sunny day, rainy day flooding from Princeton Ave down to Downer Ave. This will not mitigate catastrophic or major flooding.
- Once water comes over the bulk heads the pump station shuts down.
- This is the first step in this process.
- Need to start project and complete quickly in order to comply with the DOT request.
- Another grant that we asked for is Bay and Arnold. Also put out for a flood mitigation grant. This will keep us moving in the process of getting engineering to go out for bids in early summer at the latest.
- Seeking additional funding. If funding is not awarded, total cost of project is approximately \$700,000. The Borough has almost \$400,000 from an earlier grant. The cost would be \$500,000 which is what would be needed to fund the project if no further grants are obtained.
- Flood mitigation project well worth the effort.

Councilman Amarante comment on additional grant. He is very interested to exhaust all avenues for grants. Based on this project being a unique and first time situation that we should exhaust every single possibility for grant money on this.

Lynn O'Mealia added highway fund has money available. The current pump station was funded through the highway fund after Sandy. This is mitigation of one of our 7 areas of town wide flooding. Attacking area by area with different solutions. Not a one size fits all.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
AMARANTE			X			
BATCHA			X			
BENZ		X	X			
CELENTANO			X			
CONTI	X		X			
NELSON			X			
		VOTE	6			
MAYOR WHITE-TIE BREAKER						
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X				

BILL LIST

23-85 Authorizing the payment of bills

RESOLUTION NO. 23-85

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, the municipal finance officer has presented

- A list of bills in the amount of \$178,899.93 with the recommendation they be paid, and
- A list of bills in the amount of \$213,811.09 that have been paid with the approval of the municipal clerk and the mayor, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the council approves the payment of all the bills and directs that a copy of these lists be attached to and made part of the minutes of this meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
AMARANTE	X		X			
BATCHA			X			
BENZ			X			
CELENTANO			X			
CONTI			X			
NELSON		X	X			
		VOTE	6			
MAYOR WHITE-TIE BREAKER						
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X				

COUNCIL REPORTS

Administration-Chairwoman Barbara Benz

- Records Management – received approval from the State to destroy 12 boxes of records. Moving along with this project.
- Looking forward to a Records retention intern. We have received 2 applications.
- Recodification final drafts - first drafts outstanding for 3 chapters and getting into final drafts.
- Cotter Management Report phase 3 was finalized and delivered to council. Plans for Mr. Cotter to present during May 16 council meeting. At that time documents will be made available to the public.
- 2023 Borough of Mantoloking guide for visitors and residents is now available on the website under our community tab. Currently being printed will be distributed along with the Blue Books.
- Environmental Commission update:
- Successful beach cleanup, with Clean Ocean Action on April 15th. Peter Andruss our beach captain, lead about a dozen people. We cleaned up and down our 2.2 miles of beach with assistance of the DPW.
- Earth day events on April 22 at 9am.:
 - NJ Community Tree Recovery - Seedlings will be distributed, barrier island appropriate.
 - Barnegat Bay Blitz at 1 pm at the Patty Brand Garden

Finance-Chairman Anthony Amarante

- April and John had a discussion with Ocean First regarding the Borough's investment program. Unless we tell them not to do so, Ocean First will roll over the T bills. Big help to the budget income this year.

- There will be a meeting in early May to discuss the Bay Avenue funding project

Land Use-Chairman Brad Batcha

- Things moving along with pump station and what was approved tonight.

Councilman Nelson

- Will introduce a bulkhead ordinance for consideration at the May meeting which will only address replacements and new bulkheads. Standards are 4 feet above mean high tide level which is what was recommended by Larry Plevier.
- 30 years after they introduced this ordinance, Avalon now has a bulkheaded town and it works.
- This is a long term solution.

Public Safety-Chairman Doug Nelson

- Police force doing everything they can to make sure the beaches are safe and people doing what they should.
- Traffic lights on summer schedule.
- Temporary speed bumps on Barnegat Lane within the next few weeks. 3 this year in the same locations. In the fall we will go ahead with a grant that we got and put in snow plow friendly, permanent speed bumps year round.

Public Works-Chairman Joseph Celentano

- Scott and his crew have been very busy preparing for spring.
 - Lifeguard Stands, Bicycle Racks, garbage cans
- Getting town ready for influx of people and the good weather.
- Met with Enforcement Officer who continues to sweep the town looking for any violations

Recreation-Chairman John Conti

- Cancelled recreation meeting last week
- Full agenda for the next meeting
- Topics for discussion:
 - Possibility of lightning detectors for beach
 - Possibility of acquiring public space for the community
 - Handicap access for all beaches. Right now only half of them have handicap access.
- Pre- season badge sales are up 36% from the same period last year. Off to a good start. Mayor White added lifeguard services up \$33,500.

MAYOR , COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT

Mayor White updated the public on the beach replenishment project. The bids came in above 60 million dollars. The RFP and will be rebid. We will get it done, but it will take longer than anticipated. Piping Clovers are here at Lyman and Herbert. Three year cycles from March until September you cannot disturb those birds.

Chief Ferris

- The street lights are on cycle.

- Speed limit dropping to 35 mph
- Police Department working with construction department and contractors regarding parking.
- Pre- sales at the window 10-2 Monday through Friday. Check or credit card. Forms available at the P.D. window and downstairs on top of the library.
- In May doing pedestrian and bike safety
- Doing our best to keep traffic moving and everyone safe.
- Working with Yacht Club on bike safety class

Scott Hulse

- Very busy week for fire service
- Be careful smoking
- Make sure small fires are extinguished
- Keeping an eye on mulch
- Call us right away

Brett Radi - thank all volunteers with regards to the mini pumper. Training is progressing. Preparing for summer and the influx of residents and guests. Everything running smoothly. Thanked Chief Ferris for coordinating with the contractors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following comments were made:

- Construction Official office hours in the Borough
- Meeting with barrier island administrators
- Understanding how much of ocean front and all houses back on to the tax roll
- Next finance meeting ask Gary Dal Corso to attend
- Municipalities signed off on the beach replenishment – One did not.
- Reassessment / Re-examination possible in 2024/2025 (reassessment is done on house with our own assessor)
- Traffic and construction on Barnegat Lane, request made for more coverage
- Remind contractors that Bay Avenue is one way
- Rip tide on the north side on bathing beach
- Portable Sanitary Facility on property

NEXT MEETING May 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Steve Gillingham Meeting Room

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the meeting, it was motioned by Councilwomen Benz, seconded by Councilman Amarante and approved by unanimous voice vote at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverley A. Konopada
Borough Clerk