



MINUTES

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

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, Councilman Celentano, Councilman Conti, Councilman Donaldson
Dialed in: Councilman Batcha
Absent: Councilwoman Benz
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

J.O. Bay Avenue, sought clarification regarding the recodification chapters posted on the website and if they were current.

J.L., Barnegat Lane, inquired if resolution 24-69 is done annually and resolution 24-71 if bicycles are taking precedence over vehicles. Each question was addressed by Chief Ferris.

Councilman Conti questioned the passing of the resolution and what could be done once passed. Chief Ferris advised they can report to google mapping and software agencies. They call for the complete streets resolution to be presented.

ADJOURN CAUCUS Motion: Councilman Conti, second: Councilman Celentano all in favor: Aye

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER Mayor White called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

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ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor White, Councilman Amarante, Councilman Celentano, Councilman Conti, Councilman Donaldson
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Also Present: Beverley A. Konopada, Borough Clerk, Lynne Hazelet, Deputy Clerk, Borough Attorney Jean Cipriani, Esq., Borough Administrator Brett Radi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. 24-65

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 of the following meeting as printed and distributed.

Caucus-Regular Business Meeting February 20, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
AMARANTE	X		X				
BATCHA			X				
BENZ						X	
CELENTANO		X	X				
CONTI			X				
DONALDSON			X				
		VOTE	5				
MAYOR WHITE- TIE BREAKER							
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X					

ORDINANCE- ADOPTION SECOND READING BY TITLE AND PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING- Mayor White will opened the floor for comments on Ordinance No. 2024-14

J.L. Barnegat Lane expressed her displeasure with Chapter 16 of recodification. Moving forward, she encouraged the Borough to take a more proactive role in objecting to items that make no sense and have nothing to do with making the town more flood proof.

Councilman Conti asked if the DEP had responded regarding the Borough's issues. Borough Attorney Cipriani advised that no answer was received and that Larry Plevier had renewed the request.

Borough Attorney Cipriani asked that ordinance be moved with minor changes to hyperlinks on Pages 241 and 243.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE REVISED AND RECODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING

WHEREAS, the present General Ordinances of the Borough of Mantoloking are in need of being revised and recodified; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mantoloking has completely revised the General Ordinances to create a new Borough Code for the Borough of Mantoloking; and

WHEREAS, the complete revision of the General Ordinances of the Borough of Mantoloking has been filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and shall be open to inspection and examination by the public; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mantoloking shall remain on file with the Borough Clerk after final adoption and passage pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:49-4*.

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

SECTION 1. The Borough Council hereby adopts the revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mantoloking.

SECTION 2. The revised General Ordinances shall be filed in the office of the Borough Clerk for the examination and inspection by the public until final action is taken on the revised General Ordinances, and that said copy of the revisions shall remain on file and be available for purchase after adoption.

SECTION 3. That by the adoption of these revised General Ordinances, the previous General Ordinances of the Borough of Mantoloking, as set forth in the Borough Code of the Borough of Mantoloking, are hereby repealed in their entirety; except for the chapters entitled "Site Plan Review" and "Zoning."

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. 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 6. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
AMARANTE			X				
BATCHA			X				
BENZ						X	
CELENTANO		X	X				
CONTI			X				
DONALDSON	X		X				
		VOTE	5				
MAYOR WHITE- TIE BREAKER							
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X					

ORDINANCE-INTRODUCTIONS- READING BY TITLE

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 ENTITLED “MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL; COMMITTEES,” SECTION 3-2 ENTITLED “POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MAYOR” OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mantoloking (the “Borough”) is a municipal corporation organized and operating under the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDIANED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mantoloking, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that the Code of the Borough of Mantoloking is hereby amended, revised and/or supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3 of the Code of Borough of Mantoloking, entitled “Mayor and Borough Council; Committees,” is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows: (deletions are indicated by ~~crossouts~~ and additions indicted in **bold**):

§ 3-2. Powers and Duties of the Mayor.

The Mayor shall preside over all meetings of the Council but shall not vote except to give the deciding vote in case of a tie. Except as otherwise provided by statute or specific ordinance, the Mayor shall nominate and, with the advice and consent of the Council, appoint all officers in the Borough. No appointments requiring Council confirmation shall be made except by a majority vote of the Councilmembers present at the meeting, provided that at least three affirmative votes shall be required for such purpose, the Mayor to have no vote thereon except in the case of a tie. Vacancies in appointive offices shall be filled by appointment in the same manner for the unexpired term only. The Mayor shall

make such nomination to fill a vacancy within 30 days after the appointive office becomes vacant. If the Mayor fails to nominate within 30 days or the Council fails to confirm any nomination made by the Mayor, then, after the expiration of 30 days, the Council shall appoint the officer.

The Mayor shall see that the laws of the state and the ordinances of the Borough are faithfully executed and shall recommend to the Council such measures as he/she may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Borough. The Mayor shall maintain peace and good order and have the power to suppress all riots and tumultuous assemblies in the Borough.

The Mayor shall have the powers granted by the laws of New Jersey and the ordinances of the Borough. The Mayor shall supervise the conduct and acts of all officers in the Borough and shall execute all contracts made on behalf of the Council. The members of advisory committees to the municipality created pursuant to Borough Code and N.J.S.A. 40A:60-7 shall be nominated by the Mayor and established by advice and consent of Council by resolution.

For the year 2024 and for each year thereafter, it is hereby established that the Mayor shall receive an annual stipend of \$2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be paid on a quarterly basis.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. 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 4. This ordinance shall take effect following its final passage and publication as required by law.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
AMARANTE	X		X				
BATCHA			X				
BENZ						X	
CELENTANO		X	X				
CONTI			X				
DONALDSON			X				
		VOTE	5				
MAYOR WHITE- TIE BREAKER							
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X					

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 ENTITLED "MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL; COMMITTEES," SECTION 3-4 ENTITLED "POWERS OF THE COUNCIL" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mantoloking (the "Borough") is a municipal corporation organized and operating under the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDINATED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mantoloking, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that the Code of the Borough of Mantoloking is hereby amended, revised and/or supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3 of the Code of Borough of Mantoloking, entitled "Mayor and Borough Council; Committees," is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows: (deletions are indicated by ~~crossouts~~ and additions indicated in **bold**):

§ 3-4. Powers of the Council.

The Council shall possess all the powers granted by the laws of the State of New Jersey.

For the year 2024 and for each year thereafter, it is hereby established that each Councilmember shall receive an annual stipend of \$1,500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be paid on a quarterly basis.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. 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 4. This ordinance shall take effect following its final passage and publication as required by law.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
AMARANTE	X		X				
BATCHA			X				
BENZ						X	
CELENTANO		X	X				
CONTI					X		
DONALDSON					X		
		VOTE	3				
MAYOR WHITE- TIE BREAKER							
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X					

Councilman Donaldson asked Clerk Konopada to place on the record that he intends to decline the stipend and abstain on voting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18
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 2024 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 \$184,756.46 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 2024 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 \$184,756.46, and the CY 2024 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.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
AMARANTE	X		X				
BATCHA			X				
BENZ						X	
CELENTANO		X	X				
CONTI			X				
DONALDSON			X				
		VOTE	5				
MAYOR WHITE- TIE BREAKER							
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X					

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, FIXING AND DETERMINING SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES SO AS TO ADD STIPEND FOR SPECIFIC BEACH DUTIES

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

SECTION 1. That Section 1 of the Ordinance of the Borough of Mantoloking, Fixing and Determining Salaries and Wages of Certain Officials and Employees be amended and supplemented so as to include the following position and salary range:

Beach Duties-Deputy Code Enforcement Officer- \$1,200 stipend
(Patrolling of Beaches and Enforcement of code regulations with regards to any and all Borough Codes specific to the Beach during the summer season months; June, July, August, & September.)

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts or ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
AMARANTE	X		X				
BATCHA			X				
BENZ						X	
CELENTANO		X	X				
CONTI			X				
DONALDSON			X				
		VOTE	5				
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.

Councilman Conti sought clarification regarding resolution 74 and 75.

Mayor White explained that there is a sale of two ocean front properties. CAFRA and DEP involved due to the Public Trust Doctrine. Buyers contribute to the town and the town finds projects to be used for beach access.

Borough Attorney Cipriani explained that with certain types of CAFRA permits have a requirement to enhance beach access. This is a mechanism between DEP and the property owner which provides a benefit to the town.

Councilman Conti questioned the vetting process regarding these items and its inclusion on the agenda. Mayor White advised that this was strictly a legal matter. Councilman Conti further noted that the council had agreed that all ordinances and resolutions that were submitted would go through a committee for vetting.

Borough Attorney Cipriani explained the process the legal team follows regarding requests from the Borough.

Councilman Amarante requested that Borough Administrator Radi decide where this information should go. Borough Administrator Radi advised that certain things that he has to manage should fall under his purview. The only item that could have been vetted is how to expend the funds. We send out agenda packages the Wednesday before the meeting so if there are any questions, door is always open. Call if you have any questions in advance of the meeting. Councilman Amarante asked if there is a time limit that the money needs to be spent.

Jl., Barnegat Lane, inquired if funds could be used to repair the Downer access ramp. Mayor White explained that the Borough requested this and it was denied by the DEP.

J.T. Barnegat Lane asked how many handicap chairs are in town and was told three.
 Borough Attorney Cipriani added that the provision of access for people who are disabled is an ADA requirement.

RESOLUTIONS

- 24-66 Authorizing Acceptance of the Report of the Municipal Finance Officer
- 24-67 Authorizing Temporary Emergency Appropriation
- 24-68 Authorizing the Appointment of Seasonal Part-Time Help- Raymond Malaspina- Beach Sales/Assistant
- 24-69 Authorizing Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Opportunity Employment Commission’s “ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964”
- 24-70 Authorizing an Application for Membership to The Mantoloking Fire Company No. 1
- 24-71 Establishing and Adopting a Complete Streets Model
- 24-72 Authorizing the Cancellation of 2022 and 2023 Taxes as a Result of State Tax Appeals
- 24-73 Authorizing the Execution of Agreements for Installation of Negative Water Meter for Homes on Curtis Point Drive within the Borough of Mantoloking
- 24-74 Authorizing the Execution of a Transfer of Funds Agreement with Doro Dolci, LLC and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- 24-75 Authorizing the Execution of a Transfer of Funds Agreement with Kalamaras and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
AMARANTE			X				
BATCHA			X				
BENZ						X	
CELENTANO		X	X				
CONTI			X				
DONALDSON	X						
		VOTE	5				
MAYOR WHITE- TIE BREAKER							
CONSENT AGENDA	YES X	NO					

RESOLUTIONS TO BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY

Councilman Amarante provided an update on 2024 Municipal Budget:

“The 2024 proposed municipal budget totals \$7,024,281. The budget utilizes \$825,000 of our available surplus balance of \$1,469,700. The amount to be raised by local taxes if \$4,809,018 an increase of \$203,670 (4.4%) from 2023. The resulting proposed local tax rate for 2024 is 30.8 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, an increase of one cent from last year.
 The proposed budget includes \$244,000 of capital expenditures. The funded capital items include replacement gear for our volunteer fire company, police radios and a mobile computer terminal, a replacement public works utility trailer and continued reserves for future road repairs, flood mitigation and site remediation. The budget continues to fund our annual sewer inspection and maintenance and dune grass fertilization programs.

Thanked John Conti, April Yezzi, Steven Pintado Brett Radi and all the department heads for their assistance in the budget process.”

Mayor White commended Councilman Amarante and his team- kudos to Tony and his group, they done a wonderful job. To stay at a penny in this day and age is a very significant accomplishment.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-76

RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the municipal budget for the year 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget be published in the **Ocean Star** in the issue of **March 22, 2024**. The governing body of the Borough of Mantoloking does hereby approve the following as the budget for the year 2024.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
AMARANTE	X		X				
BATCHA			X				
BENZ						X	
CELENTANO		X	X				
CONTI			X				
DONALDSON							
		VOTE	5				
MAYOR WHITE- TIE BREAKER							
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X					

BILL LIST

24-77 Authorizing the payment of bills

RESOLUTION NO. 24-77

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 \$207,390.55 with the recommendation they be paid, and
- A list of bills in the amount of \$331,962.59 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.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
AMARANTE	X		X				
BATCHA			X				
BENZ						X	
CELENTANO		X	X				
CONTI			X				
DONALDSON			X				
		VOTE	5				
MAYOR WHITE- TIE BREAKER							
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X					

COUNCIL REPORTS

Administration-Chairwoman Barbara Benz – No Report

Finance-Chairman Anthony Amarante – No Report

Land Use-Chairman Brad Batcha

- Continue to make progress with Flood Committee
- The passage of the recodification was a big help towards the Borough efforts with the CRS program which provides discounts to residents for flood insurance.
- Met with Coastal Coalition and Army Corp-They provide free studies which will hopefully assist in the future with any funding the borough is seeking.

Councilman Conti:

- Flood Mitigation Committee decided to proceed with the replacement of all check valves in the borough starting with the ones causing the greatest regurgitation. At Scott's suggestion, we have paused the replacement program as check valves aren't working as well as expected. Scott, Larry and Bob will meet with manufacturers rep to see if they can be custom tailored to the specific circumstances of flooding; some may need to be looser to allow flood water to flow back into the bay, others, tighter to keep bay water from infiltrating
- Larry is working on the cost estimate and DEP application for the proposed bulkheads at Alberton and Arnold.
- Sandy will approach the Board of the Mantoloking Yacht Club to discuss problems stemming from the low bulkhead at the Club which are affecting Yacht Club facilities and Borough streets.
- Leaning towards some sort of culvert for Bergen Avenue as a possible solution to severe flooding in that area. Bob Mainberger cautioned the Committee to belay that approach in favor of a custom designed bulkhead/beach solution. Bob Mainberger concerned the potential increase in the force of the water flowing from the area south of the proposed culvert to the north of the culvert in a high wind situation. The venturi effect could cause dangerous increase in the velocity of the water.
- Brett, Stacy, and Scott attended meeting with Ocean County, learned that funds could be obtained for current flood mitigation projects from the American Rescue Plan. We believe our current project to connect the Bay Avenue storm drains to Downer Avenue pump station and proposed bulkheads for Alberton and Arnold could qualify for funds. Larry will submit the application early in the coming week to apply for funds for the two bulkheads after he had completed the cost estimate and design phase of the project.

Public Safety-Chairman Joseph Celentano

- Busy month for the police department-1090 incidents, increase of 16% from 2023
- Chief has been busy submitting \$200,000 worth of grants
- Speed humps currently in engineering review, not finalized, in place and get approved for the 8 calming devices
- Pump station tie-in is in progress
- Burglary on Barnegat Lane was a construction burglary, not a home burglary
- Dog licensing important thing to do
- Pick up after your dog

Mayor added if people can't pick up after their dog's then they will require leashes.

Public Works-Chairman Frank Donaldson

- Scott Hulse report
- Damage on Downer
- Beach Renourishment Inquiry- Mayor White reported
 - long process
 - 50 year project-they come every 4 years
 - Only 2 vendors do this work, bids came in too high
 - Rebidding hopefully will take place soon
 - Then a basic time table
- Larry Plevier is very busy with a lot of activities
- Design work for the speed mitigation on Barnegat Lane
- Study is very specific on how to install these humps, where they need to go, where they shouldn't go
- We need to do something to get the speed down
- Until the residents on Barnegat Lane get to see the design and a chance to have some input, we will not be able to move forward
- Public hearings

Recreation-Chairman John Conti

Chief Ferris:

- Thanked Scott Hulse and his DWP team
- One centralized point for signs. Lyman, Princeton and Downer informational points
- Focusing on redoing all the signs and getting ready for the summer
- Staffing for the beach, looking for 4 to 5 part time positions
- April 1st start presales of badges at \$110.00
- Sales for first week in April 1st-5th will be from the badge shed on Downer from 10-3
- Sales in Police Dept the following week

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the speed humps on Barnegat Lane.
A decision was made to add speed humps as a discussion item in the Caucus section of the April 16, 2024 Agenda.

J.L, Barnegat Lane, discussed presenting information to the public in a timely manor to allow time to comment and address.

K. R., Barnegat Lane inquired when this was approved, Chief Ferris advised that there was a caucus at the end of last summer where they invited all the residents from Barnegat Lane. They presented the design, specs, what the humps would look like, two hours of thoughtful conversation regarding safety, - more density, runners, walkers and strollers.

Borough Attorney Cipriani reported that the process would require going out to bid and award the bid. The only action taken this far was the application for the grant.

N.N., Barnegat Lane –The residents who live in town year round have to deal with this to accommodate the visitors who come for a short period of time. It was noted that the residents feel very strongly that this is an issue that they need to be involved in.

Chief Ferris we had the speed survey done and speeding is not the issue on Barnegat Lane, it is congestion and this is a way of calming that congestion.

MAYOR , COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT

Councilman Conti

- Issues with back door garbage collection- almost certainly going to go away. Starting in September on a voluntary trial basis. It will be voluntary for residents to bring cans out to the road. Vendors telling us we don't have a choice. (Automated cans)
- Last year County Taxes went up 16%, 2/3rds to the county, 1/3rd to the town . It was a 25% increase in county Tax. Increase in value in Mantoloking vs. the increase in value in the other towns in the county. It is done on a two year trailing basis and we are in the second year of that increase. Current sale price to the assessed value of the property last year we were at 72% that triggered a big increase in taxes. Now we are at 62% what matters is how that ratio compares to other towns. 4% increase in municipal portion. County portion will be bigger.

Borough Administrator Radi

- Part of our platform is to pursue as much grant opportunities as possible. Thanked Chief Ferris for a yeoman's job trying to go after some grants. Should get the grant application to the County on Thursday and hopefully recoup some of the money from Downer through the American Rescue funding.
- More diligence in getting Administrator's report out so governing body is aware of reports
- Borough Hall is aging things need to be updated and improved. Will have discussions on what need to be improved and enhanced.
- Code violation report update

Councilman Amarante

At some point the Borough will need to do a re-evaluation of properties although they have not been ordered to do so yet. There are mixed feeling amongst council members as to whether or not they want to do so in advance of being order to. The logic is that new builds within the last 5 to 10 years are probably undervalued, and there may be inequities in certain parts of town. Councilman Amarante's position is to do a re-evaluation before the borough is ordered to do so, so that everyone is treated fairly. The estimated cost is \$150,000.

Councilman Conti - County has asked us not to do it. There is a scarcity of companies that do this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

J.L., Barnegat Lane had a question regarding Resolution No. 2024-19. Chief Ferris reported that a DPW employee is assigned to the beach in the summer for cleanup and will be given the rights to write tickets and summonses specific to beach borough ordinances that he witnesses.

Scott Hulse-Public Work's Manager

- Beach Sweep is April 13th 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Setting up at Lyman beach access at 9:00 am.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Steve Gillingham Meeting Room

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business for the meeting, it was motioned by Councilman Conti seconded by Councilman Amarante and approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:36 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverley A. Konopada
Borough Clerk