



## **MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 20, 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, Council members Amarante, Batcha, Benz, Celentano, Conti, Donaldson  
**Dialed in:** Matthew Donohue, Esq.  
**Absent:** None  
**Also Present:** Beverley A. Konopada, Borough Clerk, Lynne Hazelet, Deputy Clerk, Borough Attorney Jean Cipriani, Esq., Borough Administrator Brett Radi

- Discussion Item: Mayor and Council Stipends

Councilman Amarante

- Stipends discussed three years ago, the idea resurfaced this year
- Finance Committee reviewed
- Borough Attorney Cipriani provided information regarding other towns Mayor and Council stipend
- Clerk Konopada provided a N.J. Municipalities survey back from 2019
- Stipend would be taxed to whoever chooses to accept it
- The numbers discussed were \$2,500 per year for the Mayor, \$1,500 for Council members
- This falls within the lower range of most other towns.
- Bay Head currently at \$2,600 for the Mayor, \$1,600 for Council members
- Councilman Donaldson advised he would like to be classified as a volunteer and not receive a stipend
- Borough Attorney Cipriani responded that you are designated as an elected official. You can waive the stipend, and fill that role on a volunteer basis
- Borough Administrator Radi asked if the salary resolution that designates salaries for municipal employees going forward reflect the salaries of Mayor and Council on that resolution and list
- Councilman Donaldson at zero – Borough Attorney Cipriani answered - yes and also write the word volunteer
- Councilman Celentano- seeing the time put in especially with Councilwoman Benz this past year he has a new found respect for people who run for these offices. Whatever is decided upon is well deserved.

- Councilman Batcha asked is there anything disclosed? Borough Attorney Cipriani answered you need to do your financial disclosures.
- Councilman Donaldson added the efforts that have been put in over the years are unbelievable.
- Borough Attorney Cipriani - You do your job because of your dedication to the town.
- Councilman Amarante added he hopes more people will volunteer.
- Mayor White This is a nice gesture and appreciated by all of us. Things have changed dramatically over the years verses 10/15 years with all the different issues that we have to deal with. This governing body puts in a tremendous amount of work.
- Councilman Conti suggested that there be two ordinances, one for the Mayor and one for the Council.

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

**ADJOURN CAUCUS :** Motion: Councilwoman Benz, Second: Councilman Conti All in Favor: Aye

### **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor White called the meeting to order at 5:45 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, Council members Amarante, Batcha, Benz, Celentano, Conti, Donaldson

Dialed in: Matthew Donohue, Esq.

Absent: None

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. 24-47**

**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- January 16, 2024

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

**ORDINANCE- (ADOPTION) - SECOND READING BY TITLE AND PUBLIC HEARING -**

**PUBLIC HEARING-** Mayor White opened the floor for comments on Ordinance No. 2024-15 – No comments were made.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, SO AS TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, ENTITLED “SEWERS”**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mantoloking, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 20-3 of Chapter 20 of the Borough Code of the Borough of Mantoloking, entitled, “Sewers” is hereby amended and supplemented so as to read in its entirety as follows:

**20-2.3 Connection Fees and Costs.**

- a. All costs shall be borne by the owner of the premises served.
- b. The fee for connecting to the sanitary sewerage system shall be **one hundred (\$100.00)** dollars. This fee includes the fee for inspection of this connection.

**SECTION 2.** Section 20-5 of Chapter 20 of the Borough Code of the Borough of Mantoloking, entitled, “Sewers” is hereby amended and supplemented so as to read in its entirety as follows:

## 20-2.5 User Rates and Charges.

a. All owners of improved premises subject to connection and who have not connected and paid shall pay a pro rated annual sewer charge. The pro rated charge shall be due and payable from the expiration of the six (6) month period and shall be paid in full not later than seven (7) months from the announcement of availability of connection.

b.1. There are hereby established the following annual rates and charges to be imposed by the Borough for the use and service of the sanitary sewerage system:

The minimum charge per unit shall be **three hundred forty dollars and seventy cents (\$340.70)** annually. In addition to the minimum charge each user shall pay a fee of **\$16.31 (sixteen dollars and thirty-one cents)** per fixture for all fixtures over four (4) exclusive of the laundry facility and one (1) dishwasher.

c. Each user shall be provided with an annual statement of the sewer charges. The annual sewer charges shall be due and payable on April 20<sup>th</sup> of each year and shall become delinquent unless paid within the ten (10) day grace period after stated due date of April 20<sup>th</sup> each year. Failure to timely pay the sewer charges will expose the property to a municipal lien sale. Delinquent sewer accounts shall accrue interest at the rate of 12% per annum.

2. The annual sewer charge based on the type of property shall be as follows: ("X" indicates one (1) unit)

	Annual <u>Rental Charge</u>
(a) Single-family dwelling, apartment unit, (an apartment unit will be deemed any living unit having cooking facilities)	1X
(b) Commercial Establishments-Retail stores	1X
(c) Churches	1X
(d) Yacht Clubs	1.5

3. In addition to the foregoing charges, any user who discharges toxic pollutants into the system which causes increased operations and maintenance costs shall be responsible for such increased operation and maintenance costs.

c. Each user shall be provided with an annual statement of the sewer charges. The annual sewer charges shall be due and payable on April 20<sup>th</sup> of each year and shall become delinquent unless paid within the ten (10) day grace period after stated due date of April 20<sup>th</sup> each year. Failure to timely pay the sewer charges will expose the property to a municipal lien sale. Delinquent sewer accounts shall accrue interest at the rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum.

**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	RECUSE
AMARANTE		X	X				
BATCHA			X				
BENZ			X				
CELENTANO			X				
CONTI	X		X				
DONALDSON			X				
		VOTE	6				
MAYOR WHITE- TIE BREAKER							
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X					

#### **ORDINANCE-FIRST (INTRODUCTION) READING BY TITLE-**

#### **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.

Councilwoman Benz proposed 3 changes be made at the table:

-Received feedback from FEMA, regarding the flood chapter, Chapter 16-2.3, paragraphs 1,4 & 5 they have requested that at the end of each of those paragraphs the phrase (whichever is more restrictive) be added.

-Another note, we in tandem to moving forward with this ordinance are requesting, and Larry is pursuing this, that the language surrounding the designs standards for fencing in coastal A zones and the velocity zones be removed, along with the references to onsite septic systems which of course do not exist in Mantoloking.

- Larry is pursuing the buyoff from Fema on removal of that language. If and when they approve it, we will then move forward with a change to the ordinance at that time.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
AMARANTE		X	X				
BATCHA			X				
BENZ	X		X				
CELENTANO			X				
CONTI			X				
DONALDSON			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 had questions on three resolutions:

Res. 24-50 – who is purchasing through this cooperative and what are we purchasing. Chief Ferris explained

sometimes state contracts can be beaten with co-ops. We belong to several of them. We are interviewing and working with a technology company that could replace 3 other companies we are currently using for interlock devices, recording equipment, cameras in the building.

Res. 24-61 – grant funding will go towards purchasing sand waste stations, and supplies with one response vehicle. Chief Ferris responded she is writing grants, one is a DCA grant, we were thinking out of the box for anything to use potentially on the beach. This would be a smaller pick up truck proposing in the grant for maintenance and for response to the beach. This would allow for patient removal, debris removal, equipment and maintenance getting things back and forth. DCA said other towns have submitted for this.

Res. 24-62 – number 2 of the resolution that the borough accepts cost shared payments as outlined in the agreement. How does this work if terms of cost share payments? Borough Administrator Radi responded 4 year agreement, the first year they pick up entirely, then a match over the next 3 years total out of pocket will be \$1,579. Our IT consultant, Freehold IT, that it is a well discounted price for that level of security. Councilman Amarante added this replaces something that we currently paid for -yes. Freehold IT brought us this grant. We are getting better coverage. Borough Administrator Radi -This grant comes from the Office of Homeland Security. This platform we are switching to is highly recommended and is a good fit for the Borough.

Borough Attorney Cipriani - requested a small change in Resolution 24-63 be made should read Shared Service Agreement, not Interlocal Agreement

Councilman Conti asked that Resolution 24-55 be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- 24-48 Authorizing Acceptance of the Report of the Municipal Finance Officer
- 24-49 Authorizing the Adoption of Temporary Emergency Appropriations #1
- 24-50 Authorizing the Borough to Participate in the Union County Cooperative Pricing Agreement
- 24-51 Authorizing the Adoption of Appropriation Reserve Transfer # 2
- 24-52 Authorizing a Tax Refund of Overpayment of Taxes Due to Duplicate Payment- Block 24 Lot 37
- 24-53 Authorizing a Tax Refund of Overpayment of Taxes Due to Duplicate Payment- Block 37 Lot 7
- 24-54 Authorizing the Refunding of Inactive Escrow Account Balances
- 24-55 Authorizing The Execution of a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Brick for Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer services On a Part-Time and As-Needed Basis
- 24-56 Authorizing the Appointment of a Deputy Land Use Official/Deputy Zoning Officer
- 24-57 Authorizing the Appointment of a Summer Intern
- 24-58 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Service Agreement Between the Borough of Mantoloking and the County of Ocean Police Services Prosecutor Program
- 24-59 Authorizing the Execution of Agreement with North Island Management, for the Provision of Lifeguarding Services
- 24-60 In Support of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bay Head 5 K Memory Run
- 24-61 Authorizing a grant with the DCA- Recreation
- 24-62 Authorizing the Acceptance of The NJ Cyber Security Grant
- 24-63 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Service Agreement Between The Borough of Mantoloking and the Township of Manchester For The Use Of Manchester Township Firearms Range Facility

### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-48**

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

**RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Borough of Mantoloking accepting the report of the Municipal Finance Officer.

**“SEE ATTACHED REPORT”**

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-49**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ADOPT TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS #1**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20 provides that an addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period prior to the adoption of the budget and regular appropriations, the Governing Body may, by resolution adopted by 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, make emergency temporary appropriations for any purpose for which the appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for said year.

**WHEREAS**, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2024 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20) including this resolution total \$525,000.00.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mantoloking, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20, the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to make the following emergency temporary budget appropriations in the 2024 current fund temporary budget and that said amounts be included under the correct headings in the municipal budget as adopted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and one certified copy with the Chief Financial Officer.

DEPARTMENT

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Municipal Clerk		\$ 7,500.00
Finance		\$ 14,000.00
Computer Technology		\$ 10,000.00
Legal		\$ 15,000.00
Engineering		\$ 15,000.00
Construction		\$ 2,000.00
Group Health Insurance		\$ 85,000.00
Police	\$200,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Fire		\$ 13,000.00
Municipal Prosecutor		\$ 2,000.00
Road Repairs		\$ 5,000.00
Garbage		\$ 30,000.00
Buildings and Grounds		\$ 15,000.00
Sewer System		\$ 8,000.00
Beach Access		\$ 2,000.00
Beach Maintenance		\$ 15,000.00
Electricity		\$ 5,000.00
Fire Hydrants		\$ 2,000.00
Natural Gas		\$ 3,000.00
Gasoline		\$ 20,000.00
Ocean County Utilities Authority		\$ 40,000.00
Shared Services – Info Technology		\$ 1,500.00

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>	<b>\$325,000.00</b>
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$525,000.00</u></b>
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COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
AMARANTE			X				
BATCHA			X				
BENZ			X				
CELENTANO		X	X				
CONTI	X		X				
DONALDSON			X				
		VOTE	6				
MAYOR WHITE- TIE BREAKER							
CONSENT AGENDA	YES X	NO					

# **RESOLUTION NO. 24-50**

## **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING**

**THE BOROUGH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UNION  
COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. authorizes contracting units to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Union hereinafter referred to as “the Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a renewal participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of work, materials and supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Mantoloking in the County of Ocean desires to participate in the Union County Cooperative Pricing Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Borough of Mantoloking, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that the Borough authorizes the Borough of Mantoloking to participate in the Union County Cooperative Pricing Agreement and execute a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the County of Union upon its approval by the Division of Local Government Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County of Union as Lead Agency is expected to comply with the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. and all of the provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey).

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E. Laurence White, Mayor

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Beverley A. Konopada, Municipal Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-51**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFER #2**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-59 provides that in the first 3 months of the fiscal year, the amount of any appropriation reserve for the immediately preceding fiscal year is insufficient to pay the claims authorized or incurred during said preceding year which were chargeable to said appropriation, and there shall be an excess in any appropriation reserves over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill its purpose, the governing body may, by resolution adopted by not less than a 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to an appropriation reserve or an appropriation in the prior budget deemed to be insufficient to fulfill its purpose or for which no reserve was provided.

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has advised the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mantoloking that the need for certain transfers within the 2023 Appropriation Reserves exists; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that these appropriation reserve transfers be made;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Borough of Mantoloking that the following budget transfers be made for the 2023 Appropriation Reserve balances:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>
Engineering OE		\$ 10,000.00
Road Repairs OE		\$ 8,000.00
Beach Maintenance OE		\$ 10,000.00
Ocean County Utilities Authority OE	\$28,000.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-52**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, REQUESTING A TAX REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO DUPLICATE PAYMENT**

**WHEREAS**, a duplicate tax payment was made on the below listed property for the fiscal year 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, such duplicate payment has resulted in an overpayment of that respective year property taxes as listed below in the amount of \$2,244.25 and said property owner is requesting a refund of this overpayment in a total refund amount of \$2,244.25,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mantoloking, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be hereby authorized to issue a check for an overpayment for the property listed below:

<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Tax Quarter</b>	<b>Amount</b>
24/37	Nelson, Christopher R.	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2023	\$2,244.25

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Chief Financial Officer and property owners.

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

## RESOLUTION NO. 24-53

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, REQUESTING A TAX REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO DUPLICATE PAYMENT

**WHEREAS**, a duplicate tax payment was made on the below listed property for the fiscal year 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, such duplicate payment has resulted in an overpayment of that respective year property taxes as listed below in the amount of \$2,363.61 and said property owner is requesting a refund of this overpayment in a total refund amount of \$2,363.61,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mantoloking, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be hereby authorized to issue a check for an overpayment for the property listed below:

<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Tax Quarter</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Chief Financial Officer and property owners.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-54**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF INACTIVE ESCROW ACCOUNT BALANCES**

**WHEREAS**, after a careful analysis of the escrow account balances in the Construction Department, it was determined that there were inactive escrow account balances;

**WHEREAS**, these balances in the escrow accounts are inactive and permission is requested to cancel and refund these balances as follows:

Barnegat Lane LLC, (Patty Heffner), 1008 Barnegat Lane aka Block 21, Lot 35 in the amount of \$1,245.00;

Hartszband, Mark & Lisa, 1217 Ocean Avenue aka Block 26, Lot 5 in the amount of \$1,000.00;

1055 Ocean Avenue Mantoloking LLC (Jenn Guarino), 1055 Ocean Avenue aka Block 23, Lot 18 in the amount of \$786.00;

Jeffrey, Todd & Adriana, 1130 Ocean Avenue aka Block 24, Lot 56 in the amount of \$572.50;

O'Connor, Jason & Kathryn, 1087 Barnegat Lane aka Block 24, Lot 36 in the amount of \$572.50;

Ingersoll, Deborah, 1206 Bay Avenue aka Block 29, Lot 4 in the amount of \$747.50;

Fucci, Michael & Elizabeth, 1019 East Avenue aka Block 5, Lot 9 in the amount of \$692.50;

Hargis Custom Homes, LLC, 1025 Barnegat Lane aka Block 24, Lot 4 in the amount of \$136.15;

Hayes, John & Kathleen, 1039 Ocean Avenue aka Block 23, Lot 10 in the amount of \$657.50;

Marotta, Patrick & Heather, 907 Ocean Avenue aka Block 11, Lot 3 in the amount of \$97.50;

Mojac Realty (John & Mollie Van Horne), 3 Arnold Street aka Block 34, Lot 9 in the amount of \$345.00;

Huneke, Benjamin & Anne, 935 East Avenue aka Block 3, Lot 1 in the amount of \$825.00;

CJ 1067 Barnegat LLC (Glick), 1067 Barnegat Lane aka Block 24, Lot 23 in the amount of \$469.86;

Fullerton, Kenneth & Meaghan, 1095 Barnegat Lane aka Block 24, Lot 40 in the amount of \$605.00;

Dreaming on Ocean Avenue LLC, (Williams), 1079 Ocean Avenue aka Block 23, Lot 30 in the amount of \$288.00;

Diruggiero, Ralph & Susan, 1517 Runyon Lane aka Block 40, Lot 6.01 in the amount of \$79.50;

Keefe, Esther & John, 955 Ocean Avenue aka Block 8, Lot 14 in the amount of \$305.42;

Travers, Timothy & Patricia, 1310 Bay Avenue aka Block 31, Lot 9 in the amount of \$558.50;

Sea Escape LLC, 959 East Avenue aka Block 3, Lot 7 in the amount of \$474.50;

Murray, James & Suzanne, 944 Ocean Avenue aka Block 13, Lot 6 in the amount of \$11.60;

Seibert, Jeffrey & Jane, 945 Ocean Avenue aka Block 8, Lot 8 in the amount of \$1,206.00.

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of inactive escrow balances is \$11,675.53;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mantoloking, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be hereby authorized to authorized to cancel and refund the inactive escrow balances in the amount of \$11,675.53.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Administrator, TACO/Planning Board Secretary, and Chief Financial Officer.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-56**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LAND USE  
OFFICIAL/DEPUTY ZONING OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2020-44 adopted on January 21, 2020 appointed Larry Plevier from Mott MacDonald as the Deputy Land Use Official; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the governing body to re-appoint Larry Plevier as the Deputy Land Use Official/Deputy Zoning Officer.

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

1. That Larry Plevier from Mott MacDonald be and hereby is reappointed as the Deputy Land Use Official/Deputy Zoning Officer for the Borough of Mantoloking effective January 1, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-57**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUMMER  
INTERN**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for a summer intern position under the supervision of the Borough Administrator to support records retention activities and assist with clerical functions in various departments; and

**WHEREAS**, Emma Hazelton served as the records summer intern during the summer of 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator and the Borough Clerk recommend the appointment of Emma Hazelton; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the governing body to appoint Emma Hazelton to serve in this capacity.

**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 governing body hereby appoints Emma Hazelton to the position of Summer Intern at \$16.00 an hour for 25 hours a week effective June 3, 2024 through August 16, 2024.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Emma Hazelton.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-58**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN POLICE SERVICES PROSECUTOR PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes the Borough of Mantoloking to enter into a contract for the provision of certain governmental services with the County of Ocean Police Services; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5 requires that such a contract be authorized by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Mantoloking desires to participate in the Prosecutor's Program formerly known as the Fatal Accident Support Team, F.A.S.T. run by the Ocean County Prosecutors Office for the purpose of assisting in the investigation, prosecution of fatal accidents and traffic enforcement and education, and

**WHEREAS**, the Prosecutor's Program receives funding from the County of Ocean; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality wishes to enter into an Agreement with the County.

**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 governing body does hereby authorize the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean Police Services for the Prosecutor's Program formerly known as the Fatal Accident Support Team, F.A.S.T Program, said agreement is subject to the approval of the Borough Attorney.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to the Shared Services Agreement, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.
3. That a copy of the agreement referenced herein shall be kept on file and made available for public inspection at the Borough Clerk's Office during normal business hours.
4. That a certified copy of this resolution, together with a copy of the agreement, shall be forwarded to the Office of the Prosecutor, Chief of Police and the Chief Financial Officer.

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

## RESOLUTION NO. 24-59

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH NORTH ISLAND MANAGEMENT, FOR THE PROVISION OF LIFEGUARDING SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the performance of lifeguarding services for the Borough of Mantoloking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the anticipated value of the contract will exceed \$17,500; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough issued a request for proposals for lifeguarding services in compliance with Ch. 19, P.L. 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, all proposals were to be submitted to the Office of the Clerk by December 5, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has reviewed the proposals submitted and recommends North Island Management be selected to perform the needed lifeguarding services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that North Island Management has the ability and expertise to perform the lifeguarding services required by the Borough; and

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

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

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

1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to, respectively, an agreement with North Island Management in the amount of \$176,000.00 for lifeguarding services and the supplying of necessary equipment, such agreement to be in a form acceptable to the Borough Attorney.
2. That this contract is awarded pursuant to a fair and open public solicitation process in compliance with Ch. 19, P.L. 2004.
3. That a copy of the written determination of value by the CFO shall be placed on file with this resolution.
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.
5. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Borough Clerk to the Chief Financial Officer and North Island Management.

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-60**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN SUPPORT OF THE 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BAY HEAD 5K MEMORY RUN**

**WHEREAS**, the Kate Shea Foundation, have requested permission to utilize roadways in the Borough in conjunction with the Annual Bay Head 5K Memory Run, on Saturday, May 18, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council wish to endorse and support the Kate Shea Foundation and the Annual Head 5K Memory Run.

**IT IS NOW, THEREFORE**, this 20th day of February, 2024

**RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mantoloking, Ocean County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The request to utilize East Avenue, Lyman Street, and Barnegat Lane, is hereby granted subject only to endorsement by the Chief of Police.
2. Upon endorsement by the Chief, a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to The Kate Shea Foundation, Attention: Edward Shea Event Director
3. This approval and endorsement is subject to such conditions, if any, as shall be established by the Chief.

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

## RESOLUTION NO. 24-61

**Whereas**, the Borough of Mantoloking desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$ 150,000.00 to carry out a project to rebuild, clean and maintain our 2.1 miles of ocean front that is utilized by thousands of residents, visitors and guests every year. Grant funds will go towards; purchasing sand, dog waste stations, lightening detectors, UTV, lumber, cleaning and maintenance, staffing and supplies along with one response vehicle.

**Be it therefore RESOLVED**,

- 1) that the Borough of Mantoloking does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between

Borough of Mantoloking

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and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

***Be it further RESOLVED***, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(type or print name)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(type or print name)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(title)

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

## RESOLUTION NO. 24-62

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NJ CYBER SECURITY GRANT

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Mantoloking applied for the NJ Cybersecurity Grant through the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey office of Homeland Security and Preparedness approved the grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mantoloking, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough Accepts the award of a Cybersecurity grant from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security,
2. The Borough accepts the cost share payments as outlined in the Agreement with a total local entity share not to exceed \$1,579.53 for four years of coverage.
3. That the Governing Body authorizes the Borough Administrator to execute all required documents.

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

## RESOLUTION NO. 24-63

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN , STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER FOR THE USE OF MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP FIREARMS RANGE FACILITY

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 authorizes municipalities to enter into an agreement, among other things, for sharing of services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Mantoloking is desirous to enter into a Shared Service Agreement for the use of the Township of Manchester Firearms Range Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, both the Borough of Mantoloking and the Township of Manchester agree to abide by all terms and conditions in said agreement.

**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 Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the clerk attest to the Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Manchester for use of the Township of Manchester Firearms Range Facility.
2. That the term of said agreement will be for a period of three years from the date of endorsement.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
AMARANTE			X				
BATCHA			X				
BENZ			X				
CELENTANO		X	X				
CONTI	X		X				
DONALDSON			X				
		VOTE	6				

MAYOR WHITE- TIE BREAKER							
CONSENT AGENDA	YES X	NO					

## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-55 TO BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY**

Councilman Conti explained he is not against expanding agreement with Brick, but a couple of months ago a resident had complaints regarding zoning violations that were not enforced. Land Use Committee asked to do an objective review of the efficacy of our process. He would like to see some objective data before he votes to expand the agreement.

Mayor White added if there were several complaints from a number of different citizens that there were problems and issues not being addressed would look at this a little bit differently.

Borough Attorney Cipriani

- Continue to have service now
- Shared Service Agreement terminable on 60 days' notice
- You can increase the number of code enforcement hours but also review the process to see if you wanted to make changes
- Acquire existing data, numbers of violations and summonses

The process needs to be clean regarding violations, warnings and complaints. A Flow Chart was requested and will be placed on the website.

Councilman Amarante advised that there is a log of what is being issued.

First 8 hours are \$50 an hour anything above that is \$75. There is code enforcement officer already entered in a shared service with Brick for 2 hours a week. Now we are adding the zoning officer component, this is a good monetary, fiscal relationship. Business Administrator Radi will monitor it. 20/22,000 a year for those combined services. A cost savings with the engineer pulling back from the zoning chair.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-55**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MANTOLOKING, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ZONING OFFICER SERVICES ON A PART-TIME AND AS-NEEDED BASIS**

**WHEREAS**, the Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 *et seq.* authorizes the Borough of Mantoloking to enter into an agreement for the provision of certain governmental services with the Township of Brick; and

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-65-5** requires such agreement to be authorized by resolution; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Mantoloking has a need for supplemental Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer services; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Brick has agreed to provide Darren Terrizzi as the part-time Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer on an as-needed basis; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the desire of the governing body to authorize the execution of a Shared Services Agreement, in a form acceptable to the Borough Attorney, with the Township of Brick for the provision of Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer services on a part-time and as-needed basis at an hourly rate of \$50.00 with any additional or evening hours to be at the rate of \$75.00 per hour.

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

- 1. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and attest to, respectively, a Shared Services agreement, in a form acceptable to the Borough Attorney, with the Township of Brick for part-time Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer services on an as-needed basis at an hourly rate of \$50.00 for the first 8 hours with any additional or evening hours to be at the rate of \$75.00 per hour.
- 2. That Derrin Terrizzi, Brick Township employee is hereby named the Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer for the Borough of Mantoloking.
- 3. That a copy of the agreement referenced herein shall be kept on file and made available for public inspection at the Borough Clerk’s office during normal business hours.
- 4. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Township of Brick and shall, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:65-1 et seq., be filed, with the agreement, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

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

**BILL LIST**

2024-64    Authorizing the payment of bills

## RESOLUTION NO. 24-64

### 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 \$211,909.41 with the recommendation they be paid, and
- A list of bills in the amount of \$2,263,217.57 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	6				
MAYOR WHITE- TIE BREAKER							
CONSENT AGENDA	YES	NO X					

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Administration-Chairwoman Barbara Benz

Updates:

- Met with Republic Services on 2/5/2024 – Main topics discussed, continued desire for back door service, trucks going to auto loaders, insurance issues, issues during snow and ice with their workers having access to cans in people back yards
- The Borough is in the second to last year of a contract with Republic Services
- 2024 cost \$190,000 – Next year (September -September '25) it will be \$197,000. Asked that we remind residents about snow and ice safety issues, keeping debris free of the area where the workers need to walk
- A reminder will be sent out to residents regarding snow and ice and encouraging residents to bring cans to the curb.
- Republic Services will no longer be bidding on any contracts that requires back door services
- Bay Head back door service costs increased 66% to \$348,000 in 2023 with back door service and they do not have recycle pick up
- The Borough is looking at a significant price increase unless we mitigate in some manner with what we are asking to be bid on.
- Councilman Batcha expressed that this is a great service to have and might be worth the premium



- Borough Administrator Radi - Industry wide, the shift is away from back door collection, with progression to robo cans. The fleet of garbage haulers are moving towards procurement of robo cans.

#### Moving toward on line property tax and sewer payments

- expecting to go live sometime in May/June
- Going into agreement with Edmunds for their Wipp Program
- Need to be set up as a vendor/merchant to participate in the credit card payment system

#### Records Management

- 2023 the Borough received permission from the State of N.J. to destroy 156 boxes of records
- 2024 we have received permission to destroy 25 boxes to be shredded tomorrow.
- Outside company coming to shred boxes
- Summer intern will work again this summer from June through August assisting in the Construction Department answering phones and be a floater where needed.

#### Finance-Chairman Anthony Amarante

- Finalizing the 2024 budget, planning to introduce in March.
- Long term thinking: replenishing reserves.
- Will be using a good amount of reserves for the Bay Avenue Project that is not covered by the grant.
- Barnegat Lane Project coming up, hopefully should not be too much in excess of what we received as a grant.
- Continuing future flood mitigation needs.
- Look at ways to replenish those reserves without taking a big hit to the tax rate.

Councilman Conti had a discussion with Mayor White and Chief Ferris regarding speed humps on Barnegat Lane.

#### Chief Ferris

- Only interact with those residents in which the speed humps will directly impact to the north and south.
- A lot of misinterpretation of the program.
- Speed humps at their peak they are no more than 3" high, gradual rise, Public Works will be able to plow over them, signs will be installed.
- Meeting with DOT before summer regarding speed limit.
- Surveyor completed measurements, the Borough should have the placement and exactly what the project will look like shortly.

Chief Ferris and Larry Plevier have had several meetings with residents who were opposing it and once we went over the specific dynamics and dimensions and what they looked like and asked them to go to other communities, it seemed like they had resolved any negative thoughts they had towards the project.

Councilman Conti -Is the incremental benefit worth the risk that somebody gets hurt. We do not have a speeding problem, we have a volume problem. There is budget issues, efficacy is questionable and the safety is questionable. Chief Ferris noted that Police have never been called for service for anyone injured hitting a speed bump.

Councilman Donaldson -spend money putting a sidewalk in and get pedestrians off the road. Chief Ferris does not think the road is wide enough.

Mayor White this is a very difficult problem to solve. Lowering the speed, speed humps and hopefully, a combination of things will add up to a good result. We are lucky we have not had more accidents and injuries than we have. This is a way to do everything in our power to make this very difficult road a safer place for all of us to be.

Councilman Amarante – even though report said there was not a speeding problem, it did recommend putting the speed humps in. Bike pathway and taking Barnegat Lane off the apps as an alternative route, hope we can go that route.

Councilman Batcha – inquired about the dimensions of Barnegat Lane right away for the street. Is it the same north and south of Lyman. Councilwoman Benz noted one is wider than the other and have sidewalks.

#### Land Use-Chairman Brad Batcha

Flood Committee put together:

- The committee met twice and had very good meetings
- Councilman Conti been running the meetings
- Larry Plevier and Bob Mainberger are also in attendance
- Gathered a lot of data from the engineering firm, maps shared with the Committee
- Made progress and will be making recommendations that relate to check valves and bulkheads and reintroducing our ordinance next month relating to bulkheads.

#### Councilman Conti

- Divided the projects into short term and long term - getting started on the short term projects
- Identified some of the check valves as a problem on Old Bridge and Clayton
- Larry Plevier introduced the idea to put a check valve at the storm sewer rather than replacing check valves in the bay. That would eliminate the need to replace the pipe, quicker and a lot cheaper.
- Proceed with replacing check valves that are leaking, 2 or 3 this year
- Bulkheads will be installed at Albertson and Arnold
- Larry Plevier is applying for the permits now and providing with committee with an estimate
- The biggest issue is the Yacht Club Bulkhead which is 3 feet. If there was a 3 1/2 foot storm it would be coming over the transom
- Town hall will flood no matter what is done unless the Yacht Club raises its bulkhead a foot and a half

#### Scott Hulse

- Schedule C meeting on March 12th – We will see what they have to offer. Chief Ferris noted that the county offers numerous services. There are resources that are not being utilized such as crosswalks

#### Councilman Conti- Sewer

- Pipe infiltration. Any pipe you put in the ground with the ground water will leak.
- Councilman Amarante had an idea that we go back and look at bills for the sewer.
- We had a very wet fall last year and that caused a big overage in our sewer usage. We used considerably more sewer capacity than in 2000, which suggests leaking pipes.

#### Scott Hulse

- Called Ocean County Utilities for January flow rate, we had 3 flooding events in town. Broke out rainfall for that period of time We were over 7.2 million gallons, that is the highest from 2020. This was the last flooding compared to the Storm Irene.
- Water could be going through the manholes into the sewer system

- All towns had these issues on the barrier island
- This year we will put money towards cameras instead of cleaning in October. Sealing manhole covers may be of some benefit too and not a huge cost. Address this in the upcoming year. The ground water is coming in the pipes

Councilman Amarante

- Suggests doing some camera inspections.
- Sealing the manhole covers may be of some benefit

Public Safety-Chairman Joseph Celentano

- Meeting every two weeks
- Ongoing training been going on
- Speed humps
- Cross walks
- Dogs on the beach, some people not cleaning up after their dogs
- Putting up more stations, bags and garbage cans
- Quality of life that has to be addressed

Mayor advised that this is a problem, should this continue the Borough will require leashes on dogs.

Public Works-Chairman Frank Donaldson

- Friday the pipe for the Bay Avenue project will be delivered
- Will be using 4 to 5 parking spaces by the Yacht Club
- Start dewatering next week

Councilman Donaldson requested not to overload Larry Plevier while at the Borough Hall as he is very busy when he is here.

Recreation-Chairman John Conti

- Chief Ferris discussed the 2024 beach season
- Brochures are done
- Presales of badges starting April 1, 2024 through Memorial Day sale price \$110 per badge
- People can order them on line
- Looking for employees for summer season
- New life guard station
- Restricting use of South Beach Badges- cannot use them on the 14 walkways
- Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> badges increase to \$120

## **MAYOR , COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT**

Councilwoman Benz inquired if there was financing in 2024 for the Mantoloking Annual Town Brochure for residents to which she was informed, yes.

Councilman Celentano acknowledged Councilwoman Benz efforts this past year and a half. He further noted the amount of work she has done and that she has done an amazing job.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

J.L. Barnegat Lane made a request to assess all town owned bulkheads at the street ends, their height, conditions and if they need to be replaced anytime soon. Councilman Batcha responded they are doing exactly that.

**NEXT MEETING** Tuesday, March 19, 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 Councilwoman Benz seconded by Councilman Donaldson and approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:09 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverley A. Konopada  
Borough Clerk