

**Committee Meeting – JUNE 2, 2008
MAYOR’S REPORT**

2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

THE 2008 BUDGET IS STILL A WORK IN PROCESS. THE ADMINISTRATOR WILL PROVIDE US WITH AN UPDATE TONIGHT AND THE BUDGET WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE JUNE 16TH MEETING.

POLICE DEPT EQUIPMENT:

ON TONIGHT’S AGENDA IS AN ORDINANCE TO CONSOLIDATE SOME OLD BONDS TO ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOME DESPERATELY NEEDED POLICE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING MDT’S, IN CAR CAMERAS, VEHICLE GPS UNITS, THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS AND OTHER MISC. EQUIPMENT. THESE UPGRADES ARE LONG OVERDUE AND ARE CRITICAL TO THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF OUR OFFICERS AS WELL AS OUR RESIDENTS. THE NET RESULT OF THIS ACTION WILL HAVE NO NEGATIVE IMPACT TO THE BARNEGAT TAXPAYERS. THE ADMINISTRATOR WILL EXPLAIN THIS FURTHER DURING HIS REPORT.

SCHOOL FUNDING IN NJ:

ALSO ON THE AGENDA IS A RESOLUTION URGING OUR STATE LEGISLATORS TO CHANGE THE WAY OUR SCHOOLS ARE FUNDED FROM THE CURRENT FORMULA BASED ON ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUES TO ONE THAT IS BASED ON ONES ABILITY TO PAY. TOO MANY OF OUR SENIORS AND RESIDENTS ARE UNABLE TO CONTINUE TO PAY THE SCHOOL TAXES WITH THEIR LIMITED INCOME AND ARE BEING FORCE OUT OF THIS STATE. I AM ASKING THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE PASSED EVERY MONTH AND THAT IT BE FORWARDED TO THE OTHER 32 OCEAN COUNTY TOWNS, ALL COUNTY SEATS AND TO THE GOVERNOR IN TRENTON FOR CONSIDERATION.

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BHS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

THE FIRST ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WERE GIVEN OUT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. A TOTAL OF \$145,000 WAS AWARDED.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **TOMORROW IS THE PRIMARY ELECTION, I URGE ALL REGISTERED VOTERS TO GO OUT AND VOTE.**
- **DARE GRADUATION IS THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH @ 10AM AT THE BRACKMAN SCHOOL.**
- **COMMUNITY DAY / POLICE APPRECIATION DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH, IN THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN.**
- **KIDS FISH & KRAB KONTEST IS ALSO ON THE 14TH AT THE DOCK.**
- **THE BRACKMAN 8TH GRADE GRADUATION IS JUNE 17TH @ 6:30PM.**

AND, THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF THE NEW BARNEGAT HIGH SCHOOL WILL COMMENCE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH @ 6PM.

THANK YOU,

**JEFFREY M. MELCHIONDO
MAYOR, BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP**