

**Committee Meeting – June 21, 2010  
MAYOR’S REPORT**

**BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET:**

The Barnegat Township 2010 municipal budget is on tonight’s agenda for introduction. Our Administrator and Finance Officer have been working hard along with our auditor to bring in a responsible budget with the least amount of increase as possible. The numerous negative factors affecting the budget this year have created a major challenge to come up with a reasonable tax rate. Our use of available cash management tools along with other financial options will result in the 2010 tax rate being increased by 3.3 cents. Considering the facts that impacted the Township this year being; the enormous amount of tax appeals, additional pension contributions, further reductions in state aid and a half a million dollars in snow removal costs, we are fortunate to be able to keep our tax rate increase to a minimum. Mr. Breeden will brief everyone on the 2010 budget in more detail during his report.

**WEST BAY AVENUE PAVING:**

The paving is complete from Route 9 to the new post office on West Bay Ave. There are still some minor temporary repairs to be done from the post office to the Gunning River Mall and stripping. This section of West Bay Ave. will be completed in September according to the County.

**RAILROAD AVE & MEMORIAL DRIVE:**

Paving is also complete on Memorial Drive and Railroad Ave from Route 9 through to Burr St. Railroad Ave. is now “one way” heading north on the easterly side and “one way” heading south from the new 3 way intersection of Railroad Ave on the westerly side. There is a short two way section from Burr St. to the 3 way intersection of Railroad Ave. There are also 19 new paved parking spaces on east side of Railroad Ave. We will be looking into adding handicap parking and additional parking spaces in the near future.

**THE NEW SUPER WAWA:**

WaWa has announced a projected opening date of Oct. 28 at their new location on Lighthouse Drive and West Bay Avenue.

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**MEADOWEDGE PARK:**

There will be a free campfire and sing along at Meadowedge Park this Friday evening from 7 to 9 sponsored by Meadowedge Commission and Barnegat Recreation Dept. Smokey Bear will be there for the kids and everyone will be treated to campfire smores. Singing will be led by Pola Galie and some of her musical friends. If you would like to attend please bring a chair and beverages. Reservations are preferred; call 609-698-0080 x130.

**MENK & OCEAN COUNTY LITIGATION:**

The Township filed a complaint against Menk and Ocean County last week seeking reimbursement for the monies that were spent on the Menk homes in the Mirage.

**NIGHT OF GIVING:**

The Committee had the pleasure of attending the Mirage Women’s Club’s “Night of Giving” last week where numerous local volunteers and charities were the recipients of their annual donations. The ladies of the Mirage deserve a big ‘thank you’ for continuing this annual event of generosity.

**NEW LOCAL NEWSPAPER:**

Barnegat residents now a new free local newspaper being delivered to their door. The Lacey-Barnegat Times is also available for pick up at local stores. I was informed by a representative of Mircomedia Publishing that they were about 7-800 papers short for the first 2 weeks and have adjusted their printing to be able to deliver to all Barnegat addresses by this week.

**GRADUATIONS:**

This week there are two graduation ceremonies in Barnegat. The first is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class at the Brackman School on Wednesday, June 23, at 6:30 PM in their gymnasium. The Barnegat High School Class of 2010 commencement is on Thursday, June 24, at 6:00 PM at the athletic field.

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