

## **Committee Meeting – July 6, 2009 MAYOR’S REPORT**

### **2009 BUDGET:**

**First up on tonight’s agenda is the Resolution to adopt the 2009 Municipal Budget for Barnegat Township. *Unfortunately, we are still waiting for approval from the DCA on our proposed budget. According to our Auditor, the State is 3 to 4 weeks behind in their review process of the Municipal budgets and we are unable to vote on ours this evening.* There will be an opportunity for the public to comment on the budget tonight and the vote will take place as soon as we receive word from the State. The Administrator, Dave Breeden and our Chief Finance Officer, Kathy Janeski worked extremely hard on crafting a budget resulting in NO TAX INCREASE for 2009. I want to personally commend both Dave and Kathy for doing an outstanding job in light of all of the issues that had an adverse affect on the budget. And although we would have liked to cut the budget even more, it would have meant a reduction in municipal services to our residents. The balance we struck between no tax increase and no reduction in services was an accomplishment in of itself considering the current economic conditions, the continued loss of state aid, increased state mandated spending and the general slowdown of new residential and commercial development.**

### **WALTER’S GROUP AND COAH:**

**I would like to inform everyone that after this Committee rejected the proposed COAH housing development on Pennsylvania Ave that the Walter’s Group has instituted litigation with Trenton seeking rejection of our Affordable Housing Plan. They are looking to secure a Builder’s Remedy suit against the Township to reverse our decision and the obvious will of the residents. Mr. Breeden and Mr. Dasti will explain in further detail.**

### **FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION:**

**Our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at the Dock a NEAR complete success. A huge crowd gathered as usual to hear the Brass Tacks open up our Summer Concert series and the fireworks display went off at dusk. The reason I said it was a near success was due to the fact that the State Fire Marshall found a minor flaw in the Permit application and disallowed about 10% of the fireworks to be shot off. Still, Schaefer Pyrotechnics did a great job as usual and will make up the shortfall for us on Pirate’s Day.**

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**Much of the success of the event was due to the coordinated efforts of the Police, Fire, EMS, Public Works, Dock master Phil Greco’s crew and of course Barbara and Staci in the Recreation Department.**

**FARMER’S MARKET:**

**Our new Thursday Jersey Fresh Farmer’s Market is an overwhelming success. An estimated 800 to 1000 residents visited the market on the first day and nearly as many this past week. I want to thank Barbara Levin, Staci Irwin and my wife, Ginny, for all their time and effort in bringing this most welcomed new service to our community.**

**DAY ON THE BAY:**

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Day on the Bay was again a huge success with over 150 boat rides given to Special Needs children, adults and their families. I want to thank all of the people that donated their time, boats and money for this ever growing annual event. In particular, I want to thank Walt Fernandez and the Township Recreation Disability Board for all their efforts.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS IN JULY:**

**July 18<sup>th</sup> - Hoagie sale at the Barnegat Fire House hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary.**

**July 25<sup>th</sup> - Flea Market at the Barnegat Dock sponsored by the Historical Society**

**July 27<sup>th</sup> - The Barnegat Township Educational Foundation's Scholarship fund will be hosting their Annual Golf Outing at the Oceanaire Greenbriar Golf & County Club in Waretown**

**Jeffrey M. Melchiondo  
Mayor, Barnegat Township**