

Committee Meeting – February 17, 2009
MAYOR’S REPORT

INVOCATION:

The Committee has decided that we will begin each of our regular meetings with an invocation by one of our local religious organizations. This is a practice of many municipalities and one that we would like to incorporate in our meetings here in Barnegat. Each religious organization has been invited to begin our meetings with a prayer, on a rotating basis.

ORDINANCE 2009-02:

Ordinance 2009-02 dealing with “Performance Guarantees” will be reintroduced at an upcoming meeting due to major revisions to the original ordinance as a result of our Planning Board’s recommendations. Since the original ordinance will be withdrawn, no public hearing will be held at this time.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

At the February meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, the new Executive Board was elected. The newly elected board members are; President, Ginny Melchiondo, Vice President, Jay Soltis, Treasurer, Michelle Shaffery, Secretary, Donna Doherty, At Large Members, Wayne Pawlowski and Kathy Orsini and Past President Jerry Thompson. My congratulations go out to all of the new board members. The Chamber is a vital component not only to the business community, but to the township residents as well. Since its inception, the Chamber has provided over \$30,000.00 in financial support to Barnegat high school students, the police department, the fire departments, the first aid squad, the food pantry and many others. As a past president of the Chamber myself, it’s great to see the Chamber continuing to support economic growth and tourism through partnered events with Barnegat Township.

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WEST BAY AVENUE CONSTRUCTION:

As many of us experienced last week, construction on West Bay Ave is intensifying. We can expect detours, lane changes and single lane traffic as many facets of the widening project are completed at the same time. Township officials will be in close contact with all County and State project managers to stay informed of all issues that may impact traffic flow. In the event of any major change affecting traffic, we will notify our residents through our web site, www.barnegat.net and through local newspapers and radio stations.

BARNEGAT TWP SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER:

The Township’s first high school scholarship fundraiser for Barnegat High School students was a complete success. With the help and donations by many of our township employees, we will be able to offer scholarships this year and in upcoming years. Special thanks go to Donna, Michelle, Kay and Sharon in the Administration office for coordinating the event and to the Barnegat Volunteer Fire Department for providing the hall.

FIVE MINUTE RULE:

I am again going to ask that anyone wishing to speak during the public portion, keep their comments to five minutes or less. I have been a little lax on enforcing this rule in the past but will be more cognizant of it tonight and in the future. If you feel that you need more time, you can have a second chance to speak after all others have had their opportunity to.

Jeffrey M. Melchiondo
Mayor, Barnegat Township