

**Committee Meeting – December 15, 2008**  
**MAYOR’S REPORT**

**PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE CUL-DE-SAC:**

We have received a few inquiries as to the newly created cul-de-sac on Pennsylvania Ave. Original approvals for the development on this street included this cul-de-sac and sales of residential homes were based on the inclusion of it. The recent perfection of this original approval has raised questions from area residents as to the safety and traffic flow to and from the Barnegat High School and the elementary school. Please be assured that in the event of any emergency situation that both Pennsylvania Ave and Periwinkle Drive have both ingress and egress for vehicles in any type of emergency response or evacuation situation. I have asked that our Administrator and Chief of Police look into any traffic situation that may have been caused by this change and to respond to it accordingly.

**TAX BILLS & THE TAX RATE:**

The tax bills were sent out as of December 5 with a due date of December 30 without any interest. Since the bills were received there have been a number of newspaper articles attempting to explain the new tax rate. During his report, the Administrator will detail the exact rates for 2008 and the effects on the average homeowner. Personally, my home, which is assessed at \$337,000, has increased \$125.00 for the year as a result of the overall tax rate change.

**REORGANIZATION:**

The Township reorganization will be held on January 1, 2009 at 1 PM. At our workshop this evening we established the memberships of the various boards and commissions that will be voted on at the reorganization. The Committee invites all of you to attend our meeting on January 1<sup>st</sup> and also to a buffet gathering immediately following our meeting at the Recreation Center.

**THE HOLIDAY’S:**

With the Holiday’s just around the corner, I want to personally and on behalf of the entire Committee, wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Please remember those less fortunate than us and say a prayer for our troops serving abroad in Iraq and Afghanistan and also here at home.

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**PUBLIC WORKS AWARDS:**

**Following my report tonight I will be presenting a number of our Public Works employees with awards for their outstanding efforts this year in particular for the reconstruction of the public dock and for improvements in our fleet maintenance. Not only this group of individuals, but our entire Public Works staff has made marked improvements in job performance and productivity in all aspects of their work. I also must mention that much of the improvement can be attributed to the oversight of the department by our Administrator, Dave Breeden, who recently received the Municipal Official’s award from the American Public Works Association himself.**

**TOM HARTMAN:**

**Tonight I would like to make special mention to Tom Hartman as this is his last meeting as a member of the Barnegat Township Committee. Over the last six years, Tom has dedicated countless hours towards the betterment of Barnegat Township. As a Committeeman, Deputy Mayor and Mayor, Tom has helped move our town forward through open space opportunities, reduction in residential development, increased commercial rates and recreational improvements throughout the community. Tom has done what we all hope to do during our tenure on the Committee and that is to make Barnegat a better place to live. I, for one want to thank Tom for his time, his effort and his dedication to the residents of Barnegat Township.**

**I would like Tom to join me and the rest of the Committee down in front of the dais to receive a token of our appreciation and a photo opportunity.**

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