

Committee Meeting – March 3, 2008

MAYOR’S REPORT

On tonight’s agenda there is a resolution to permanently hire our three remaining Special Officers. The Administrator and the Chief of Police will be presenting an overview of the current police department with respect to staffing, vehicles and equipment and some basic facts and figures. It is important to note that by hiring these 3 officers, the Barnegat Police Department will be in full compliance with respect to “Special Officers” for the first time in over 20 years. Also just as important is that we are not increasing the number of officers. We are currently at 46 (43 permanent & 3 specials). With the adoption of tonight’s resolution we will have 46 permanent officers. These 3 officers have worked as specials for over a year and have proven themselves to their fellow officers and superiors be worthy of this appointment and I for one am glad to vote in their favor.

Last week the Administrator and I attended a press conference at Brighton at Barnegat along with the Pinelands Commission and the NJ Forest Fire Service. Those two entities are establishing a wildfire mitigation program and have included Barnegat and Stafford Townships to be an integral part of the process. Barnegat Township will establish a committee of fire and emergency personnel to participate in the program.

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