

**Committee Meeting – April 5, 2010
MAYOR’S REPORT**

SHARED SERVICES:

A shared service agreement has been completed with Ocean Township where our Administrator will also perform the duties of a part time administrator for Waretown. Mr. Breeden will spend about 10 hours per week working with the Clerk and Committee there. Ocean Township will pay Barnegat Township for these services directly. Mr. Breeden’s salary will not change. Additionally, we are moving forward with a number of other shared service agreements with other municipalities and our school district.

SPECIAL COMBINED MEETING:

The special combined meeting of the Township Committee and the Planning Board is set for April 22 at 6:30 PM here in the Courtroom. This meeting is specifically to discuss the Ocean Acres zoning ordinance that was introduced at our last meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

PARKWAY & WEST BAY AVE UPDATE:

The Parkway bridges on the south side are scheduled for concrete pouring beginning April 13 with the first bridge being completed. This will require closing down Bay Avenue traffic to one alternating lane for 12 to 14 hours. The second bridge will be completed at a later date. The Township is recommending that if possible you use an alternate route when traveling north or south of Barnegat as heavy traffic delays can be expected.

Earle Asphalt is beginning the preparation work to complete the resurfacing of the entire length of West Bay Avenue from Route 9 to the Parkway Bridge. Over the next few months there are also a number of other paving projects slated for completion. These are Memorial Drive and Railroad Avenue, Admiral Court, Ensign Avenue, Helm Street, Mizzen Drive and Rosehill Road. Please use caution while traveling through these areas and obey all traffic control personnel.

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OUR LATEST FOREST FIRE:

Another major forest fire west of the Parkway claimed 540 acres on March 20th, in the same area as the one last year. According to the Ocean County Fire Marshall’s office, this fire was intentionally set and may have some connection to the recent fire at Cloverdale Farm and last years fire. Pinewood Estates, Barnegat, the NJ Forest Fire Service and multiple other fire companies battled the blaze for 3 days. Fortunately there were no injuries or loss of personal property. Some evacuation did take place from Brookville Road and to the west for a brief period. Our sincere thanks go out to all of our volunteers and professionals for another job well done.

RECYCLING REVENUE:

I’m happy to announce that Barnegat received \$13,343.36 from Ocean County in recycling revenue for the second six month period of 2009. Recycling material prices have gone up resulting in \$10.97 per ton being returned to Township. I must again stress that this represents only about 10% of the possible revenue we could receive if all of us recycled all of the materials that we can. The County will begin its single stream recycling program some time this month meaning that all paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum and plastic can be placed in one container for pickup. The Township will notify our residents when this change will be implemented.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS:

As a reminder, the school board elections and the school budget proposal will be held on April 20 from 3 to 9 PM at the regular voting locations.

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