

Committee Meeting – May 3, 2010
MAYOR’S REPORT

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lauren Sarno for her re-election to the school board and also Jim Mihalik and Joe Cloke for their election to the board. I also congratulate Lisa Becker and Kevin Scully for being selected as president and vice president respectively and want to thank Bob Houser for his last two years as president of the board. This committee looks forward to another productive year working closely with the school board and the school administration.

SPECIAL COMBINED MEETING:

The special combined meeting of the Township Committee and the School Board is set for tomorrow, May 4 at 6:30 PM in the high school auditorium. This meeting is specifically to discuss the recently failed school budget and is the public’s opportunity to voice their opinion and recommendations on the budget to both governing bodies. A second meeting where the final determination on the budget will be made will be held on May 12 at 6:30 PM, also at the high school.

PARKWAY & WEST BAY AVE UPDATE:

With the completion of the concrete sections of both Parkway bridges now all that is left is to connect the dots. The Turnpike Authority is nearly complete with the northbound exit off ramp leaving only the section between the two bridges to be completed. The County and Earle Asphalt are working on the remaining curbs and sidewalks as well as drainage on Bay Avenue. Believe it or not, there is light at the end of this long, long tunnel.

As a side note, many people have asked about the clearing just off the southbound Parkway exit. This area is being cleared by the construction crews for WaWa for drainage and storm water management as part of their Planning Board approval.

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MIRAGE ISSUES:

An agreement has been reached between the Menk Corporation and the Township for the remaining Menk homes with water in the crawlspace issues. Final inspections and repairs as needed on these homes are underway. A resolution on tonight’s agenda will memorialize this agreement.

ORDINANCE 2010-05:

The final reading of Ordinance 2010-05 for the re-designation of certain lots in Ocean Acres is on tonight’s agenda. Many hours of discussion and public comment have gone into the decision on this issue. On Tuesday, April 27, the Planning Board offered their opinion that while they found that the ordinance is consistent with the Township’s Master Plan, they voted unanimously that they do not recommend adoption of the ordinance due to the environmental impact to the area in question. In my personal opinion, I agree with the Planning Board’s recommendation that this section of Ocean Acres should remain in the Conservation Zone, therefore I will be voting ‘no’ on adoption of the ordinance.

**Jeffrey M. Melchiondo
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