

Committee Meeting – JULY 5, 2011 MAYOR’S REPORT

2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

The public hearing of our 2011 municipal budget is on tonight’s agenda. I would again like to point out that this budget lowers the tax levy by over \$32,000 when compared to the previous year, while absorbing a \$864,000 deficit as a result of loss revenue from massive tax appeals. It is below the 2% tax levy cap as mandated by the state. As of today, we are still awaiting word from Trenton on approval of our budget.

THE BIG AMERICAN FLAG:

If you had the opportunity to visit our dock this weekend, you should have noticed the big American flag flying there. The 12’ x 16’ beautiful stars and stripes was donated to the township by Bob and Donna Rawley, owners of A & R Pools on route 9. Bob was given the flag by one of his customers and wanted the township to have it for everyone to enjoy. Thank you Bob and Donna for the kind donation. We will fly it with pride.

FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY WEEKEND:

Well, for the most part, we had a beautiful Fourth of July holiday weekend. Except for a few wandering thunderstorms, the weekend was a great success. Concerts on Saturday and Monday, the Garvey boat races on Sunday and of course, the fireworks display Monday night, were very well attended and enjoyed by all. Many thanks go out to our recreation department, public works, police department and the dock masters for a tremendous effort pulling everything together. And of course, thanks are in order for Dave Breeden along with the administration and finance staffs as well. Barnegat was prepared and ready for the Fourth of July.

SWEET JENNY’S:

I’m very happy to announce that Sweet Jenny’s has opened up at the former Hurricane House location in the Historic District on E. Bay Ave. Joe Dringus, long time general manager of Sweet Jenny’s, and his partner, Gary Latvala, opened for business last Friday and had a very successful first weekend. I want to wish Joe and all of his staff a warm re-welcome to Barnegat and much success at their new location.

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NEW SUPERINTENDANT OF SCHOOLS:

Today, Karen Wood begins her new position as superintendant of the Barnegat School District. On behalf of the entire Committee, I would like to welcome Karen to Barnegat. We all look forward to working with her and the school board this coming year.

LEN MORANO:

And, last but not least, I want to congratulate Committeeman Len Morano on his recent retirement from his position at the Barnegat School District. I have a note from Governor Christie regarding Len's retirement and it says ... "Don't spend that huge pension all in one place!" Congratulations and may you have an enjoyable and healthy retirement.

Thank you,

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