

**Committee Meeting – May 19, 2008  
MAYOR’S REPORT**

**BUDGETS:**

**THE COMMITTEE HAS COMPLETED THE PROCESS OF AMENDING THE SCHOOL BUDGET AND CAN NOW FOCUS ON THE TOWNSHIP BUDGET. WE CAN EXPECT TO INTRODUCE OUR BUDGET AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> AND ADOPT THE BUDGET AT THE JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING. AT THE JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING, THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR (POWER POINT DAVE) WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION ON THE 2008 BUDGET. THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE OVER A MONTH TO REVIEW AND MAKE COMMENT ON THE BUDGET. AS WITH MANY GOVERNMENTS IN NEW JERSEY, OUR ADMINISTRATOR IS WORKING VERY HARD TO MAINTAIN MUNICIPAL SERVICES WHILE WITHIN VERY TIGHT FISCAL CONSTRAINTS.**

**POLICE DEPT SURVEY:**

**OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONDUCTING A RANDOM SURVEY OF ABOUT 1000 RESIDENTS AS PART OF THEIR ACCREDITATION PROCESS. IF YOU SHOULD RECEIVE A SURVEY, PLEASE COMPLETE IT AND RETURN IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**PET DAY:**

**PET DAY WAS HOSTED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAST SATURDAY AT MEADOWEDGE PARK. AFTER A RAINY WEEK, THINGS WERE A BIT SOGGY BUT ATTENDANCE WAS UP FROM THE LAST 2 YEARS AND THE SUN PREVAILED. PARTICIPANTS ALSO GOT THEIR FIRST PEEK AT OUR NEW ADA ACCESSIBLE GAZEBO AND OUR FOUNTAIN IN THE LAKE. FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR JOSEPH VICARI PRESENTED THE CHAMBER WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR THE EVENT.**

**COMMUNITY DAY:**

**COMMUNITY DAY / POLICE APPRECIATION DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, IN THE DOWNTOWN. THE EVENT HAS GROWN TO ONE OF TOWN’S LARGEST ANNUAL FAMILY FUN FESTIVITIES. MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES ARE AIMED AT THE KIDS**

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**AND THERE WILL BE LOADS OF VENDORS INCLUDING FOOD FOR ALL TO ENJOY.**

**MENK ISSUES:**

**THE INSPECTION OF SOME 70 CRAWL SPACES AT MIRAGE IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING COMPLETED BY OUR CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH HOVNANIAN INSPECTORS AND OUR ATTORNEY, NOW AFFECTIONATELY DUBBED, “DOWN AND DIRTY DASTI”. MR. DASTI PERSONALLY CRAWLED IN AND OUT OF MANY OF THE AFFECTED AREAS FOR A FIRST HAND LOOK. REPAIRS WILL NOW BEGIN TO REMEDY THE WATER IN THE CRAWL SPACES. OTHER ISSUES INCLUDING DRAINAGE AND UCC VIOLATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADDRESSED.**

**DOWNTOWN SIDEWALKS:**

**EARLE ASPHALT HAS COMPLETED THE SIDEWALK PROJECT FROM MEMORIAL DRIVE TO MAPLE STREET IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT. NEW SIDEWALKS WERE INSTALLED FROM JACK’S BARBER SHOP TO MEMORIAL DR. AND FROM THE POST OFFICE TO MAPLE ST. THE ENTIRE AREA IN BETWEEN WAS REPLACED DUE TO MANY SAFETY AND ADA ISSUES. I WAS AMAZED TO HEAR AND READ THAT SOME PEOPLE CONSIDERED THIS PROJECT AS POLITICAL AND A WASTE OF TAXPAYERS DOLLARS. I DID NOT HEAR SIMILAR CONCERNS RAISED WHEN A SIDEWALK PROJECT HALF OF THE SIZE OF THE PROJECT RECENTLY COMPLETED WAS PERFORMED BACK IN 2000 IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS ISSUE IN HIS ADMINSTRATOR’S REPORT.**

**THANK YOU,**

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