

MAYOR'S 100 DAYS REPORT

THE 2008 WATERFORD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHED THE FOLLOWING TASKS.

1. Resolution of the police debacle. The Solicitor, Attorneys, Officers, and Committee worked hard to resolve this costly situation.
2. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was applied for. Central and Cedar Avenues have been designated as "project areas".
3. Re-established the Economic Development Commission (EDC) to help bring development to Waterford Township. Major Developers have already met with the EDC to present plans.
4. Re-opened the Andersen Avenue Public Works building for mechanic work only. Plans call for the sale of the building with the proceeds to build an enhanced complex at the Burnt Mill location.
5. Started selling surplus equipment through a NJ State approved internet sale site. This method will produce more revenue than would a local sale.
6. Repaired concrete around municipal building and municipal parking lot. Broken concrete sidewalks were repaired.
7. Held very productive budget meetings. All departments "tightened their belts" to limit the Township to a 3 1/2 cent increase.
8. Met successfully with Camden County Public Works and Highway. This year, Third Street between Raritan Avenue and Jackson Road will be redesigned and paved. We were able to also have the County pave the section between Genessee Avenue and Raritan Avenue. We thank the County for their generous help.
9. Participated in Camden County's Shared Services meeting to identify cost savings opportunities. Also met with Berlin, Winslow, and Chesilhurst to explore shared service opportunities. More definitive meetings will occur.
10. Met with the Waterford Twp School Board to explore and discuss shared services. As a result of those meetings a productive dialogue was established that led to the savings of tax dollars.
11. Re-activated the Waterford Township Recreation Advisory Board to oversee all aspects of our growing sports activities.
12. Budgeted improvements to the Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service operations, and the Police Department. Work with these Departments has been very positive. New police vehicles and two new fire trucks are ordered. An ambulance is planned.

13. Appointed a new Emergency Management Coordinator. Meetings with State officials and State Police helped Waterford Twp prepare a new Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Tests will soon be happening as required.

14. Re-activated the Civic and Events Committee. Events already planned are:

Cruise the Avenue - October 2008

Expanded Waterford Twp. Days (3) at Atco Dragway. Buses Scheduled.

Holiday House Decorating

Check out their website at www.wtcea.com for more information.

15. Louden Community Center. We are working with the Louden Fire Company to convert their building into a Community Center as many communities already have. This will be a tremendous asset to Waterford Township.

16. Made arrangements to repair damage to Senior Citizen's Building.

17. Trimmed overhanging tree branches at the municipal building parking lot to avoid the potential of damage to parked vehicles. Landscaping of the municipal building has begun by members of our Public Works Department. Look for more to come.

18. At the suggestion of a resident, a cork board is now posted in the municipal building hallway for residents to post contact information for family members and residents serving in our armed forces. Please feel free to post contact information and send our military personnel a letter or e-mail showing your support.

19. Replaced the worn and tattered flags that flew in front of the municipal building.

20. Currently in the process of removing important township documents from a trailer that was stored outside. The documents have been aired out, sorted and will be stored in secure, locked file cabinets in a climate controlled office that is equipped with smoke and fire detectors.

21. Unpaid bills are now current and vendors are now willing to communicate with the Township.

22. The Code of the Township of Waterford has been placed on an internet web site at www.generalcode.com making it easier for the public to access local ordinances. A link to this site is on the Township website.

23. Greatly improved the professionalism and moral in the Township Hall and Public Works Department. Stop by and see what changes have been made to help you in a very friendly manner.

I thank the loyal employees, professionals, and all local organizations for their participation in helping Waterford Township regain the status of a proud community and I foresee more to come.

Roeder D. Halbert
Mayor, Waterford Township