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TO: Council

FROM: Mayor P. Ted Husa

DATE: February 21, 2008

RE: Beautification Committee Staffing and Responsibilities

For your information there are over 20 2008 Beautification Committee volunteers.

Anne Berry described to me the following responsibilities of this committee.

- 1) The area around the welcome to Denville sign by McCarter Park.
- 2) The gardens near the bus stop on Main Street.
- 3) The Gardens near Gardner field and playgrounds.
- 4) A small island near Foodtown.
- 5) The triangle at the intersection of Franklin Rd. and Franklin Ave. (water)
- 6) Various other islands downtown.
- 7) Triangle by Hunan Taste. (water)

Additionally, there are several areas that have been maintained by volunteers some of whom are on this committee although their plantings were not supported by the beautification budget. Those areas include:

- 1) Triangle on Pocono Rd. (Kiwanis)
- 2) Area at the point at Rt. 10 and Cooper Rd. (Knuth Foundation)
- 3) Left side of Kitchell Rd. near Morris Ave. (Franz Fuertges)
- 4) Areas and islands downtown (Rotary Club)
- 5) Island at top of Birch Run (Riker's Island) has water. Not owned by town.

This may be incomplete information and as such I seek corrections.

In March this new committee will meet for the first time and they will divide up these areas for the rest of the year. At the rate people are joining this committee, by then I anticipate more volunteers.

With this small army of dedicated volunteers, there is no need for the \$5,000 the Township Council put under the beautification budget for contractual services. In fact the line item on page 22-03 under Beautification # 256 should not be increased, but moved to another line item that more correctly represents supplies and not contractual services. These volunteers have all indicated to me that they will work on the committee as volunteers. Any budget money should be reflected here earmarked for supplies not services. This cooperation as indicated by our volunteers will result in a savings of actual money spent.

As an additional note the administration will work with Denville DPW to ensure water is available at all these locations.

Also, I have discussed with Sue Schmidt the possibility of nurturing seedling trees, bushes and flowers somewhere on Knuth Farm that can be used throughout the town. This could potentially save the Township additional thousands of dollars.

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