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Mayor's Report

Denville Garden's – Part of shared services is sharing our resources and expertise with other communities. Denville garden's volunteer manager Dennis Mahony has been routinely called upon to provide guidance to neighboring towns as they set up their community gardens. Recently he made a formal presentation to Roxbury Recreation Committee.

Sewer Project, Phase II – Several residents of the Phase II project have come forward requesting additional modifications be made to phase II. Specifically, they wanted a portion of phase II to go back to grinder pumps. They were told if they could convince ALL residents upstream of the project that grinder pumps were preferable, we would approach the project engineer and municipal engineer with the proposal. Having failed to get a full concensus of all 10 residents in the subject area in favor of their proposal, the project will proceed as before. It is anticipated that some minor modification can be made to accommodate some historic structures.

All these proposals were discussed at the 3/4/08 Sewer status meeting with the project engineer, municipal engineer and business administrator.

Fox Hill Sidewalk Project – After initiating a sidewalk safety project and finding many residents resistant to sidewalks, the grant application was cancelled on 3/4/08. There was an effort by some residents to increase support for the grant proposal, but in the end the support fell short. The effort was applauded by our MEL attorney as being inherently beneficial to the community even though in the end it was cancelled. Some residents felt it will be worthwhile to try again next year.

Fields – Two new items to report – 1) The indemnification agreement with the Sorrowful Mother's has been received thanks to Pat Valva. Formal deliberations for permanent field creation has begun on Zeek Road and Ford Road.

Murial Hepner Park Extension Project – Four individuals have responded to letters regarding selling their properties. Each was told to put their specific proposal in writing. One owner has property appraised and will be receiving an offer from the town at an undetermined point.

Vanderhoof Area/Canal Society Collaboration – At the request of the NJ Canal Society, some 10 or 12 letters went out to property owners in the vicinity of Vanderhoof Ave, inquiring about the possible purchase of canal specific historical properties by the Twp. with Green Acres funds.

Denville TV – The first Denville event was filmed by Denville TV by Beau Kennedy and Bob Terlizzi.

Morris Catholic Girls Basketball – On Sunday, 2/23/08 at FDU, I witnessed the Girls win the Morris County Championship over Hanover HS. On Thursday 3/6/08 in Bellville HS they play for the North Jersey State Championship. We wish them well!

COAH Seminar – Three members of the Denville Planning Board and two Twp. professionals attended a COAH seminar at CCM on 2/27/08. Those members were Nick Stecky, Jim Schoner, Kathy Bowditch, Bill Denzler and myself. It was put on by COAH and very informative.

Modification in Mayor's Office Hours – Until further notice access to the Mayor on Wednesday and Thursday will no longer be as walk-ins, but by appointment. This is a productivity measure.

Administration and Municipal Attorney Initiatives – Marie and I have discussed that we want to initiate bi-weekly meetings with the municipal attorney to discuss municipal initiatives and timely legal issues as well as safety concerns and current events of a significant nature with our municipal attorney's.