MAYOR'S MESSAGE AT THE JANUARY 7, 2008 REORGANIZATION MEETING

On behalf of the Governing Body welcome to our 2008 Reorganization Meeting. I would be remiss if I did not begin by expressing our most sincere thanks to all those who have so unselfishly volunteered their time, expertise and dedicated service to the Borough of Little Silver in 2007 and I sincerely hope they will continue to do so in the future. As I have so frequently stated, our volunteers are the backbone of our Community and without them our programs would suffer greatly or quite possibly be non-existent. I also wish to thank our professionals for their dedication in meeting the needs of the Borough and its residents.

The accomplishments and improvements throughout our town this past year were not only for the present time but in planning for the future as well.

Some of the projects which kept us busy thru 2007 were as follows:

ROADS AND DRAINAGE PROJECTS:

The south end of Prospect Avenue at Little Silver Point Road was rebuilt. And thereafter curbed and paved along with the remainder of that roadway to Willow Drive.

Curbing and sidewalks on Markham Place begun in late 2006 were completed and repaving of the entire roadway finished the project.

Little Silver Point Road east of Seven Bridge Road is currently being curbed and paved in its entirety.

Howard's Beach (off Little Silver Point Road) drainage improvement project is currently in the process and awaiting DEP approval. Completion should be in the Spring of 2008.

RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES TO PUBLIC PROPERTIES:

Much needed improvements to the Woman's Club consisted of a new roof, shutters on all windows, landscaping, parking lot curbing and repaving and outdoor lighting installed. Parking space lining will be completed shortly.

ORDINANCE CHANGES AND UPGRADE TO OUR LAND USE ORDINANCE:

A long overdue major upgrade was made to our Land Use Ordinance and Adopted in February 2007.

All new Storm Water Management and Recycling Ordinances are up to date, as per State Mandate, in order to improve the water quality in our surrounding waterways. Our new brush and leaf schedule, required as part of the Stormwater Ordinances, went into effect in January 2007 and has worked well thanks to the cooperation of our residents.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD NO LONGER A LITTLE SILVER FUNCTION:

The Board has been taken over by the Monmouth County Division of Social Services. My sincere thanks to the ladies who faithfully volunteered their time on this board for so many years.

GREEN ACRES FUNDS:

Application has been made for a Green Acres Grant for the Santelle Property (located at the waters edge on Riverview Avenue) and the Benevides property (located at the corner of Harrison Avenue and Rumson Road) both of which we currently own and are eligible for a 50% reimbursement from the State. These monies should be forthcoming in 2008.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

Our plan has been filed with COAH and the Borough is now under their protection and sheltered from any Builder's Remedy lawsuit.

The changes recently published in the newspapers are for Phase 3 only and will not impact the Borough on our filed plan.

SANTELLE PARK (Boat Ramp Area):

Planned are parking lot renovations, new Tennis Courts and a new Tot Lot. Final details are yet to be worked out on this project.

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MEMORIAL PARK: (Located on Prospect Avenue and Willow Drive opposite the Fire House)

Is currently in the design stage and we plan to move forward on this project this year.

DPW GARAGE:

The Governing Body has for some time and continues to explore all options for a new, sorely needed DPW Garage. Our current garage has a leaking roof, inadequate electrical supply, not enough space to service equipment, inadequate space for recycling drop off area with a safe and easy traffic flow and improper drainage for washing down equipment, just to name a few of the drawbacks.

2008 ROAD/DRAINAGE PROGRAM:

Each year we budget monies to improve our infrastructure. We intend to continue our strong road and drainage improvement programs on the theory that good annual maintenance will forestall large emergency expenditures.

We plan to pave and curb Borden Place, off Little Silver Point Road; curb, pave and install sidewalks on Silverton Avenue which will be paid for by a $140,000 State DOT Grant; and Edgewood Avenue both paved and unpaved portions will be done. The unpaved portion will be part of the Santelle Park Development Program.

COUNTY PROJECTS:
Seven Bridge Road Bridge (This project will go out to bid in the spring).

The reconstruction of the small bridge on Seven Bridge Road (just north of Point Road School) will begin at the end of the current school year. Prior to that time, temporary traffic lights will be installed at White Road and Branch Avenue and Rumson Road at Branch Avenue. Also, detour signs will be posted with the expected date of closure of Seven Bridge Road to familiarize us all beforehand with the vehicular traffic pattern to be followed during construction. If all goes well, the project is expected to be completed by December 31, 2008, and Seven Bridge Road will be open to vehicular traffic. During the time of construction a pedestrian walkway will be in place and available for walking along Seven Bridge Road.

I fully recognize that this project will cause delays in traffic movement, so please plan ahead. Safety, as always, is of major concern.

The bridge is very old, in a state of disrepair and must be replaced. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in enduring this inconvenience.

THE LONG AWAITED SIGNALIZATION OF THE INTERSECTION AT PROSPECT AVENUE AND HARDING ROAD IS ABOUT TO BECOME A REALITY.

The plans are completed and will be reviewed by the three towns involved namely Red Bank, Fair Haven and Little Silver. After that review and the preferred plan chosen, the needed property will be acquired and the project will then go out to bid. Hopefully this safety improvement will be completed by the end of 2008.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.
WE WISH ONE AND ALL A VERY
HEALTHY, SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Please feel free t contact me whenever necessary. I can be reached at the Borough Hall at 732-842-2400 ext. 119, or at home at 732-741-8857.

Most sincerely, Suzy

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