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PINELANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OFFICERS SWORN IN

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the officers of the Pinelands Municipal Council were sworn in on March 15, 2010 at the Buena Vista Township Municipal Building, by State Senator Jeff Van Drew and Assemblyman Nelson Albano.

Officers are: Chairman, Chuck Chiarello, Mayor, Buena Vista Township; Vice-Chairman, William Pikolycky, Mayor, Woodbine Borough; Secretary: Anthony Mazzella, Planning Board Chairman, Berkeley Township; Treasurer: Joseph A. Kuehner, Mayor, Egg Harbor City; and Member at Large: Richard Franzen, Township Committee member, Tabernacle Township.

The Pinelands Municipal Council was created by the Pinelands Protection Act (N.J.S.A. 13:18A-1 et seq) and is made up of the mayors of the 53 municipalities in the Pinelands Area or their designees. The Council is empowered to review and comment upon changes proposed by the Pinelands Commission in the New Jersey Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan. The Council also advises the Commission on matters of interest regarding the Pinelands and takes positions on issues affecting the region.

Current issues that the Council has been reviewing include solar and wind power use in Pinelands Municipalities as a source to generate power and revenue. The Council has also reviewed and had direct input on Septic System Management rules, Clustering, and many other Pinelands relevant issues.

The Council meets about 5 times a year to conduct business. The meetings are located in various municipalities throughout the year. A quorum of 15 members of the Council is necessary to take any action. All meetings of the Council are open to the public and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

"I look at the Pinelands Municipal Council as a local government advocacy group," said Chairman/Mayor Chuck Chiarello. "We have been able to make a difference in how certain rule changes impact our communities," stated Vice-Chairman/Mayor William Pikolycky.

For further information about the Pinelands Municipal Council, go to their website at <http://www.state.nj.us/pinelands/munico/>

The next meeting of the Pinelands Municipal Council will be May 26 at 7:30 p.m.
The location will be the Woodbine Municipal Services Building.