



## Pinelands Municipal Council **PRESS RELEASE**

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### *Pinelands Municipal Council Elects Officers*

*Buena Vista Township Mayor once again chosen to lead mayors' group*

BERKELEY TOWNSHIP, N.J. – Buena Vista Mayor Chuck Chiarello was officially sworn in to another term as the Chairman of the Pinelands Municipal Council during the Council's regular meeting at the Berkeley Township Municipal Building on March 6.

Chiarello chaired the Pinelands Municipal Council in 2006, in addition to serving in that capacity from 1996 to 2002. He also served as the Council's vice-chairman from 2003-2005.

"I enjoy the opportunity to work with the municipalities and to facilitate discussions on topics that are of interest to Pinelands communities," Chiarello said. "I've been with the Pinelands Municipal Council as Chair or Vice Chair from its inception, and it is absolutely a valuable tool for any municipality to utilize the resources of this organization."

Also elected to serve on the Council's Executive Committee were:

- Woodbine Borough Mayor William Pikolycky, who was re-elected to serve as Vice Chairman. Pikolycky served as the Council's Chairman from 2003-2005;
- Berkeley Township Planning Board Chairman Anthony Mazzella, who will serve his second term as Secretary. Mazzella also serves as the Mayor's designee to the Pinelands Municipal Council for Berkeley Township;
- Egg Harbor City Mayor Joseph A. Kuehner, who will serve his second term as Treasurer. Kuehner was first elected Treasurer in 2005;
- Former Mullica Township Mayor Robert Hagaman, who will serve his 8<sup>th</sup> term as a Member at Large. Hagaman also has been a member of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission since December 2002.

The Executive Committee was sworn in by state Assemblyman Herb Conaway, (Democrat, 7<sup>st</sup> Legislative District – Burlington and Camden counties).

Created under the Pinelands Protection Act of 1979, the Pinelands Municipal Council is composed of mayors or their designees of the 53 municipalities in the Pinelands Area. The Council is empowered to review any changes to the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan, the rules that govern land use, development and natural resource protection in the Pinelands. The Council also advises the Pinelands Commission on any matters relevant to Pinelands municipalities.

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\*\*\* Photos of the swearing-in are available. Please contact Chuck Chiarello at (609) 513-0569.

**(Left to right) Anthony Mazzella, Chuck Chiarello, and Joseph Kuehner were sworn in to the Pinelands Municipal Council's Executive Committee by Assemblyman Herb Conaway during the Council's regular meeting on March 6.**



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