

On behalf of the Governing Body we say THANK YOU to the Front Line workers, First Responders and All of you for continuing to do what is necessary as we get through this Together!

This year, due to Borough Hall Construction and Covid Restrictions, we will hold our Annual Reorganization Meeting in the Memorial School Gymnasium on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. At that time we will swear in reelected Council Members Lou Andreuzzi and Cheri Roche, along with newly elected Councilwoman Eileen Woodruff. We will also be confirming many appointments to various roles within the Borough. All Safety Guidelines will be in place and adhered to.

The Municipal Building Addition and Renovation continues to move along. We are very excited that our employees have moved into their new offices while the renovation of the existing building continues. We anticipate a completion date of early to mid-spring with final completion of the entire Municipal Complex coming by early summer.

As we enter the New Year with great expectations and many goals to accomplish, I would like to look back at some of the accomplishments from 2020:

- \* Completed Road Reconstruction of Ocean Avenue Phase II from Columbia Avenue to Lorillard Avenue utilizing a 2019 \$291,000 Grant from the NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Program
- \* Completed Road Reconstruction of Lorillard Avenue from Poole Avenue to eastern terminus utilizing a 2020 \$350,000 Grant from the NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Program
- \* Completed Construction of Two New T-Ball Fields at Scholer Park utilizing a 2020 \$50,000 Grant from the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program
- \* Upgrading of our Emergency Services Telecommunications Systems for UBPD, UBFD, UBEMS & UBOEM to better serve our community

As we enter 2021, below is a sample of some of the goals we hope to accomplish:

- \* Completion of the Municipal Building Addition and Renovation
- \* Complete Reconstruction of 9th Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street utilizing a 2020 \$156,647 federal Community Development Block Grant. Although this project was scheduled for 2020, the funds were not released by HUD in time to meet scheduling requirements.
- \* (Pending Approval of our Application) The Borough submitted a Grant Application for Scholer Park Improvements Phase IX. These Improvements would include the installation of a lighted walking trail with additional security cameras around the perimeter of the existing ball fields.

\*The Borough has been awarded a Grant from the NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Prospect Avenue from Pine Street to easterly terminus. These Improvements would include new concrete curbs, drainage and total Reconstruction of the existing roadway.

\* The Governing Body will continue working closely with the State and Army Corps of Engineers on the acquisitions of easements from the property owners for Phase I Construction.

Finally, I want to Thank the entire Council, along with all of our Borough Employees, Professional Staff, First Responders, Volunteers and Residents for their hard work and dedication to our community each and every day to make Union Beach the Best Little Town in NJ!

May God Bless All of our First Responders and Keep them Safe!

May God Bless All of you and your families!

Wishing Everyone A Happy, Healthy and Safe 2021!!

Be Safe!  
Charlie