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GOVERNOR CALLS ON "SMALL TOWN" MAYORS FOR DISCUSSION OF LOCAL ISSUES FACED BY SMALLER MUNICIPALITIES

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky was among a group of South Jersey Mayors of municipalities with populations under 5,000 who were invited to meet with Governor Murphy for an intimate roundtable discussion concerning the special concerns of such smaller municipalities. Attending from May County were Mayor Pikolycky and Cape May City Mayor Clarence Lear. The meeting was held on Saturday, May 19, at Chesilhurst Community Center.

Among the topics discussed were: infrastructure & transportation funding; natural/green infrastructure; affordable housing mandates; farmland preservation; school funding; opioid addiction.

"I was pleased to be among those invited by the good Governor to brainstorm the issues particular to smaller municipalities, such as Woodbine. This has been a major objective of mine throughout my 28 years as Mayor and especially as a Former President of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors and now as a member of their Board and also as a League of Municipalities Executive Board member," noted Mayor Pikolycky.

"Issues I brought up of particular relevance to Woodbine included Shared Services, Civil Service, lack of incentives geared to small towns, grant & local funding formulas being weighted towards larger cities, school funding, infrastructure and transportation funding. I especially mentioned the Department of Corrections clean-up program that had assisted municipalities in litter abatement throughout their parks and grounds, which I would like to see restored. "

"I want to thank the Governor and his staff for their attentiveness (much note-taking) during this session and look forward to seeing the results from our suggestions and ideas."