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MAYORS WILL UNITE TO FIGHT UNFUNDED MANDATE AND SUPPORT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR ALL

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the New Jersey League of Municipalities will be holding a summit meeting to discuss the problems and solutions possible in the battle against State Budget policies that will force property tax increases in towns throughout rural New Jersey. The meeting will be held Thursday, September 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Brower Student Center, The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing Township.

At that time, over 100 state-wide local elected officials will be briefed on efforts to prevent the State from forcing communities throughout rural New Jersey to raise property taxes, in order to finance certain State Police activities. State Senator Jeff Van Drew and Assembly members Marcia Karrow and Nelson Albano will explain their legislative efforts to earmark non-property tax revenues for the State Police, and to provide new relief to property taxpayers in urban and suburban, as well as rural towns. Mayors will unite to fight unfunded mandate and support property tax relief for all.

“As a member of the police funding task force committee, I have been working on this issue for a number of years now, as the budget situation now being proposed unfolded. Please note that communities such as ours have already seen a cut in State aid in amount of \$100,000 this fiscal year. Next fiscal year the State potentially will add \$140,000 in State Police charges, effectively reducing State contributions by \$240,000 per year. This would prove devastating to, ultimately, our local taxpayers who would have to make up the difference,” noted Mayor Pikolycky.