***MAYOR’S REPORT***

***5/2/17***

**ENHANCE ARTS, PARKS, AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES**

Kelly Post-Sheedy our Recreation Superintendent started yesterday. She faces a huge challenge, but this is a turning point for the recreation department.

The splash pad construction is under way, it started on Thursday April 27th.

**ESTABLISH A TRANSPARENT, EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT**

I attended the Boy Scouts of America meeting and did a presentation for them.

I also attended the Ramapo College Environmental Sciences event and did a presentation there as well.

I attended the Scholar Athlete Awards Luncheon at Flynn’s. It was an honor to be there.

**ECONOMIC VITALITY**

The buildings at the former Ingersoll Rand site are almost all leveled. There are 2 buildings remaining. The soil importation should begin soon.

Our Design Charrette for the riverfront redevelopment will be on Friday night May 19th and Saturday May 20th. Sherry Corcoran and Pat Dragotta facilitated the opening of the Historic Union Station to host the Design Charrette on Saturday May 20th. This is exciting news as this building has been closed for quite some time.

**STRENGTHENING NEIGHBORHOODS:**

Our Abandoned Property Program has been very successful. The net positive income allows us to hire additional code inspectors and it has forced banks to fix 40 homes and sell them.

I would now like Donna Messina to step forward and give a brief report on this program.