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**GOP Councilman Michael de Poortere
Resigns from Bernardsville Council
Republican Municipal Committee to Screen Potential
Replacements**

Bernardsville, NJ; February 6, 2018— Current Borough Councilman Michael de Poortere is resigning from the Borough Council effective the date he formally, in writing, tenders his resignation. Mike's work obligations will be increasing to a point where he "will be out of state on a very large project and not able to meet the needs of the Borough".

We appreciate the time and effort Mike has contributed to Bernardsville. The remainder of Mike's term will be filled by the Borough Council from a list of three individuals presented to them by the Bernardsville Republican Municipal Committee (BRMC).

As per NJ state law and the BRMC by-laws, there will be a screening of candidates by the BRMC for those individuals wishing to be considered. The time and place of that meeting will be finalized in the next few days.

Individuals having an interest in screening for the position should contact the BRMC Chairman, Skip Orza, as soon as possible at aqorza@comcast.net or call him directly at (908) 803-1985.

"As they have in the past, the BRMC is looking for residents who bring unique skills, personal and business experiences that the Borough Council needs at this point. They should be able to approach new issues and their responsibilities with an open mind. We have utmost confidence that whoever we put forth will continue to remain responsive, reflective and caring about the needs of the residents of Bernardsville", Mr. Orza said shortly after he was informed of the de Poortere's resignation.

He also added, "The councilman's job requires tough decision-making in order to improve our infrastructure, find ways to reduce wasteful spending and keep our municipal taxes at their historically low rate. If you want to support the Borough and get involved, this is a perfect opportunity to do so. This is one of numerous ways available."

The Bernardsville Republican Municipal Committee is comprised of male and female elected representatives from each of Bernardsville's seven election districts. These Committeemen and Committeewomen promote the political philosophy of the Republican Party, assist in the election of qualified Republican candidates for public office, and provide for an active Republican voice in local, county and federal governments.

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