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The Bernardsville Republican Municipal Committee Forwards Three Names to Fill Unexpired Council Term

Bernardsville, NJ; February 20, 2018--The Bernardsville Republican Municipal Committee (BRMC) met tonight to screen candidates for the currently vacant Borough Council seat. At that meeting, the BRMC endorsed three residents whose names have been forwarded to the Borough Clerk and Governing body for consideration to fill the unexpired term formerly occupied by Mike dePoortere.

Those three names were selected from a group of four individuals who screened before the committee.

The names that were forwarded are Lloyd Sems of Mendham Rd., John Donahue of South St. and A.Q. Orza II of Old Fort Rd.

"I'm excited to be nominated to fill this unexpired vacancy until the end of the year. I'm glad. It's encouraging that I have the full support of the Bernardsville Republican Municipal Committee."

Lloyd told bystanders after the results of the screening were announced that, "I will shortly be reaching out to the residents to get young, passionate Republicans involved again. We need people with integrity that don't back away from battles. We need people who can spend the time researching issues to make the right decisions based on facts and not personality conflicts. We need residents that would like to be part of the solution. Anyone of them should reach out to me or any of the nominated candidates."

John Donahue added "We have the opportunity to support many of our residents that are making positive contributions to our town. Revitalizing our downtown and improving our amenities for a better quality of life are two examples of the opportunities that exist". John added "Over the last few years I've volunteered my time to various groups working for a better Bernardsville. Our borough has enormous potential to be one of the most sought after communities in the area. We can make this happen."

BRMC Chairman A.Q. Orza added, "Lloyd, John and I have a vision of what the borough's needs are now and in the future." In addition, "We need to get our municipal taxes under control and eliminate wasteful spending wherever it exists. Our top priorities continue to be the upgrading of our infrastructure and finally enforcing the rental housing laws and ordinances. The housing problems are real and can no longer be ignored. "

Skip reiterated, " We need to give the taxpayers a better return on their municipal tax dollars. Why can't we not only stop the rate of increased municipal spending over the last 10 years but work on lowering it in the next three?

As has been the case in the Republican screening meetings for over 12 years, the meeting was open to registered Republicans residing in the Borough, invited guests and the press.

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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