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Mayor Pikolycky Leading Pinelands Mayors' Organization

NEW LISBON, NJ – Woodbine Borough Mayor William Pikolycky took over as Acting Chairman of the Pinelands Municipal Council on New Years Day, until the Executive Committee is reorganized in March. The change in leadership comes as the Council's previous Chair, Pemberton Township Mayor Thalia C. Kay completed a 12-year tenure as Mayor. Pikolycky has been serving as Vice Chairman of the Council since March 2002.

"Mayor Pikolycky has been a leader in addressing key issues faced by Pinelands Communities, for example his serving on the Evaluation Committee of the Pinelands Excellence Program which is helping Regional Growth Area Communities to address planning challenges," said Pinelands Commission Executive Director Annette Barbaccia. "He led efforts to identify and implement rural economic development opportunities and was a driving force behind having Pinelands Towns recognized as equivalent to the Town Centers under the State Development and Redevelopment Plan, thereby improving eligibility for various state funding and planning assistance programs."

Barbaccia added, "On behalf of the Commission and staff, we greatly appreciate T.C. Kay's leadership of and dedication to the Pinelands Municipal Council and her interest in working with the Commission on issues in her community during her 12 years as Mayor there."

Mayor Pikolycky successfully pushed for legislation, passed in January 2002, which includes certain Pinelands municipal landfills in the Municipal Landfill Site Closure, Remediation and Redevelopment Act of 1996. This amendment provides important economic incentives for the clean-up of landfills to protect public health and natural resources, while at the same time, creating vital economic redevelopment opportunities.

"It's an honor to serve on the Pinelands Municipal Council, and now as Acting Chairman, I am especially honored to represent the 53 municipalities within the Pinelands region. As one of Cape May County's municipalities most affected by the Pinelands Act and regulations, it is important to Woodbine that we have a seat at the table," said Mayor Pikolycky.

Having served on Woodbine Council since 1979, Mayor Pikolycky has served as Mayor since 1990. A life-long resident of Woodbine and Graduate of Millville High School, Mayor Pikolycky is a graduate of the Certified Public Manager Program at Rutgers University, Real Estate Licensing Program at Cumberland College and the Camden County Police Academy. He currently serves as

Chairman of the Woodbine Municipal Utilities Authority and Vice President of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors.

Mayor Pikolycky

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The Pinelands Municipal Council, created under the Pinelands Protection Act of 1979, is comprised of Mayors or their designees of the 53 municipalities in the Pinelands Area. The Council is empowered to review any changes to the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan, and advises the Pinelands Commission on matters of interest regarding the Pinelands.

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