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## MAYOR HORNIK AUTHORIZED ROAD SALT PURCHASE

### Marlboro Acquired Supplies with the Help of the City of Binghamton, New York

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (March 17, 2014) – Several weeks ago, in an effort to bolster Township supplies of rock salt used to treat icy and snow covered roadways during one of the worst winters in recent history, Mayor Jonathan Hornik reached out to the Mayor of Binghamton, New York for assistance.

“This has been a particularly brutal winter, and the shortage of rock salt in New Jersey has been well publicized,” said Hornik. “It had reached a critical point, and some communities had already begun closing down roads. I did everything in my power not to let this happen in Marlboro.”

The Township still had some rock salt, but with the supply dwindling and contract vendors still unable to commit to deliveries, Mayor Hornik and Department of Public Works officials grew increasingly concerned.

Mayor Hornik said, “I was just not comfortable operating with so little supply in reserve. The winter did not appear to be letting up any time soon and we were intent on exhausting every possible option. Upstate New York communities seem to deal with this type of weather all of the time. I reached out to Mayor Richard David of the City of Binghamton for assistance and I am grateful that he was able to lend a hand,” said Hornik.

Marlboro Department of Public Works is responsible for approximately 200 miles of roadways. The Township typically utilizes in excess of 400 tons in just a single snow or ice event.

The Township sent trucks on four separate days north and west to pick up a total approximately 530 tons of rock salt from the City of Binghamton, substantially reinforcing existing reserves.

“I know what it’s like to be mayor of a municipality with a low supply of salt dealing with an upcoming snowstorm,” said Mayor David. “Because of proactive planning, Binghamton was able to offer assistance to Marlboro while not impairing our ability to respond to any local snow emergencies or take manpower away from snow removal efforts. In an era of limited resources, it’s increasingly important to build partnerships and multi-jurisdictional coalitions. This spirit of cooperation guides us in how we serve our residents every day.”

Mayor Hornik concluded, “Government cooperation knows no boundaries, and if the situation required I would have gone across the country. Fortunately, we have some new partners in New York State, and on behalf of all of the residents of Marlboro Township, I thank Mayor David and his City for coming to our aid.”

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