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Cc: Charlie
Subject: Memorial Day Ceremony 2015

Mount Olive Township

Mayor and Council,

Many people are aware that prior to 1985, there was no Mount Olive Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. Many people are also aware that it was with the blessing of then Mayor Charles Johnson that we were given the OK to start an effort to plan for and host the first Mount Olive Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. Since that time we have continued that tradition for 30 years. At one point in time someone noted that the Mt. Olive Parade and Ceremony was one of the longest running organizations that has ever existed in Mt. Olive.

As you also know, after 30 years (2014) we stepped down from being the annual Co-chairs of the Memorial Day activities. It was our hope that starting this year, 2015, the township would continue the parade portion of the Memorial Day activities and that Charlie Uhrmann would pick-up the planning and execution of the ceremony aspects. What better person to do the ceremony than Charlie? In fact, we made that as an announcement at last year's ceremony.

Charlie has always had the hearts of the men and women in our armed forces. Just by looking at the beautiful All Veterans Memorial (AVM) that stands at Turkey Brook Park speaks volumes of Charlie's dedication. The AVM is truly an asset for the township and was paid for by donations that Charlie solicited for. Therefore, we feel Charlie Uhrmann would be the perfect person to do the ceremony since she had been actively helping us with the ceremony for a number of years. Charlie and her son Eric helped us by providing color guards, bag pipers, dancers and even military speakers without any cost to the township, just to name a few.

Unfortunately, it saddens us to hear, hopefully just a rumor, that Charlie will not be doing the ceremony. Having Charlie do the ceremony makes the most sense. It makes the township look better and in the long run who gets the accolades? The Mayor and Council of course. Charlie has an enormous amount of contacts that she can get without making the ceremony a burden on the taxpayers. Please rethink your decision if what we heard is true.

Thank you for your time.

Linda and Bill Sohl

Cc: Charlie Uhrmann