

# A team effort worthy of saluting

Something amazing happened when a Riverton police officer griped that an American flag flying over the borough's veterans memorial was in violation of the U.S. Flag Code.

People listened.

Then they acted. They donated time, effort and goods to bring the banner into compliance.

Patrolman John Shaw aired his concern that the flag at Riverton Memorial Park was being displayed 24/7, with no illumination after dusk.

Especially at a time of war, Shaw said, the way to honor the troops is to showcase Old Glory the right way.

In response, RAB Lighting in North Jersey donated three lights to illuminate the flag, and Public Service Electric & Gas Co. strung the power line. Advanced Irrigation of Riverton dug a 100-foot-long trench for the wiring, and Carlsbad Electric of Cinnaminson hooked up the power. All free.

That was just the start. Local posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion sent in donations, and the Palmyra/Riverton/Cinnaminson Rotary Club pitched in to pay the resulting electric bill.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. It also takes a village to raise a flag — and to keep it properly lit.

Nice job, everybody.