

## GOODBYE

December 7, 2022

I want to announce that I am retiring from the Board of Supervisors and submitting my resignation to be effective on January 3, 2023.

I had decided some time ago that I would not run for another term. My current term will expire on December 31, 2023, and if I sought reelection, I would have to run in November, 2023. At my age and place in my life, I feel that I just don't have it in me. The Board will have to appoint someone to fill the vacancy. It is my hope that an individual is found who is willing to make decisions based only on what is in the best interest of the Township. By resigning now, I am hopeful that just such an individual can be found who will be willing to run for election in November, 2023. I was appointed to the Board by Dick Prescott and Herb Knechel in January, 1990, after I served for four years on the Zoning Hearing Board. I filled the vacancy created when Jay Moyer was elected County Treasurer. I ran for election in 1991, 1993, 1999, 2005, 2011, and finally in 2017. I think that's enough. I would like to thank the voters in the Township who saw fit to vote for me in all those elections.

I need to thank numerous people for all the help through all the years, but I must start with my family. My wife, Kathleen, has backed me throughout the 33 years on this Board and the four years on the Zoning Hearing Board, indulging me in my interest to serve. She's covered for me at all the children's events that I couldn't make due to one Township function or another. My children, Rob and Katie, always understood. You can't do this for all these years without strong family support. I've had that, and more.

It has truly been an honor to serve with the Board Members who shared my idea of public service over the years. I started with Dick Prescott and Herb Knechel and over the years I was joined by Rich Delp, Phil Heilman, Jeff Parkhouse, Doug Johnson and my current fellow Board Members, Keith, Chris, Kevin and Dave.

I've served under five Township Managers. For those who don't know, the Managers are here for the day-to-day decisions and problems that come in the door. If pressed, I would have to admit that the Manager has far more to do with running the Township than any Supervisor does. I'm blessed to have had Loretta Romanowski, Steve Bennett, Steve Wiesner, Del Plank and now Joe Czajkowski in

that position during my tenure. Mary West, Loretta's daughter, and Holly Hosterman have been the Assistant Managers who both served as the Park Board liaison. More importantly both Mary and Holly are problem solvers who know how to resolve issues. The dedicated staff members keep the office running with little "assistance" from the Board of Supervisors.

I've served with only two police chiefs, Terry Scholl and Tom Medwid who was appointed in 1999. That stability is appreciated and reflected in the department as it exists today. A more dedicated and effective police force you will not find.

In the Public Works department I've served with Directors, Bobby Lutz, Arcky DiRocco, Lorenzo Cuoci and now Doug Jones. In the 33 years I've been here, I've had two resident phone calls complaining about snow plowing. That says enough about how I've benefitted from these folks, and the continued hard work of all the crew and its members over the years.

There have been two Finance Directors during my tenure, Sheila Freed and Cecilia Parent. Our Auditors, and therefore the Board, have appreciated both for their meticulous approach to the finances.

Rob Reilley and now Mike Beuke have been the Zoning Officer. They've had to tell residents why they can't do something on their property, without pointing out that the Supervisors are the ones who passed the Zoning Ordinance.

Ralph Wert, Barry Wert and Robin Youmans from Metz Engineers and now Michele Fountain from CKS Engineering have been the Township Engineers. Over the years they have kept the water still flowing downhill and making sure all the plans meet all the codes. Stephanie Butler from McMahon Associates, a Bowman Co., has been the only Township Traffic Engineer we've had. It frightens me to think about the grants we would have missed without Stephanie.

Tom Garrity was the Township Solicitor when I was first appointed and his son, Jim Garrity, ascended to the throne when Tom retired. He's done all he could to keep us all on the straight and narrow. I feel that Jim and I have grown old together. I'm just wondering if Andy Freimuth is somehow related to Jim.

I would be here all night if I tried to name all the employees of all the departments and the volunteers on all the Boards and Committees that I've had the pleasure to work with over the years.

To all of the above, named and not named, I say “Thank you”. You’ve made my experience the best it could be. You’ve never let me down.

I’ll say Goodbye for now. I’m still going to be living in the Township and serving on the Recreation Authority, if the Board chooses to reappoint me. I’ll keep an eye out for problems about which I can call and complain. I’m sure there won’t be many.