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LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK 2023
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RE: PA Local Government Week, Observed April 10-14, 2023

Pennsylvania Local Government Week was held April 10-14, and Spring Garden Township would like to take this time to remind its residents and businesses of the critical role local government plays in their lives.

Now, more than ever, we must make sure our residents and businesses have access to the critical infrastructure and service they need to conduct their lives. These include roads, bridges, water, sewer, trash collection, public safety (fire, police, and code enforcement), Zoning regulation enforcement, street lighting, traffic intersection signals, stormwater conveyance, and passable/drivable roads, among other things. The past few challenging years have made clear that broadband internet service is no longer something that is nice to have, but rather a necessity and a part of the new infrastructure.

Spring Garden Township and the other 92 township's of the first-class, along with 1,454 Townships of the second class, 1 town, 56 cities, 956 boroughs, and 67 counties in Pennsylvania are the "boots on the ground" in helping the community stay safe and soldier on through whatever challenges present themselves.

Local government in Pennsylvania works because of the commitment of both the appointed and elected public officials in serving the community and the efforts in solving problems to benefit the community as a whole.

Established to be a direct reflection and representation of the people who live there, municipalities are places where residents have a voice in what happens and where services provided don't exceed what the community needs or can afford.

In other words, municipalities are full-service, grassroots-driven communities overseen by your neighbors, who are dedicated to meeting your needs.

Local Government Week reminded us of how important each type of municipal government structure is to our democratic system of government and the provision of services to Pennsylvanians. Appointed and elected officials on the front lines serving every day, not just in good times but also in challenging times.

On April 12, 2023 Representative Carol Hill-Evans presented the appointed officials of Spring Garden Township with a Citation from the House of Representatives. The Citation avows that local government employs thousands of dedicated and hardworking appointed public officials and staff who carry out the directives of the local elected officials, and many of those public officials serve without reward. Furthermore, residents of this Commonwealth rely upon the

dedication of those local officials in meeting many of their most fundamental needs in nearly all facets of daily living. Therefore, Representative Carol Hill-Evans on behalf of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with presentation of the Citation to the Township Manager of Spring Garden Township, recognized the need for strong, independent, and active local government and acknowledged the valuable contributions made by public officials.



Front (L to R): Marcy Krūm-Tinsley, Township Manager and Representative Carol Hill-Evans
Middle (L to R): Karen Smeltzer, Front Office Assistant; Dawn Hansen, Zoning Officer; Luther Wike, Jr., Finance Administrator; April Wright, Executive Assistant.
Back (L to R): Daniel Hoff, YAUFR Fire Chief; George Swartz, Police Chief; Craig Ruhl, Public Works Superintendent; Bradley Wright, Code Enforcement Officer