



Board of Supervisors

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April 11, 2018

Dear Charlestown Residents:

It is with great sadness that the Board of Supervisors announces the passing of our long term member Michael J. Rodgers. Mike passed away on Saturday April 7, 2018 after a brief struggle with cancer at the age of 88. Mike & Fran were married for almost 63 years and had nine children, nineteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mike was born in South Philadelphia and graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He then embarked on a long career in steam and nuclear engineering and was instrumental in the construction of many power facilities on the east coast. He was president of U.S. Tool & Die in Pittsburgh, PA which he sold in 1990.

Mike was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1999 and was in his 19th year of service to our township. During his tenure and with Mike's support the Board of Supervisors increased the total acreage of preserved open space in the township to over 34%. Mike also represented the township as a member of the Valley Forge Sewer Authority Board for the last 19 years and currently served as President. He was also very involved in the Charlestown Historical Society, serving on their board for many years, and was a fixture at the polls every Election Day tabulating the ballots for voters.

The family has requested that gifts in Mike's memory may be made to the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust, 511 Kimberton Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460 for projects in Charlestown Township.

Mike will be remembered by the Board for his willingness to volunteer, his interest in watching over the health of the road and infrastructure and for pushing the Board to justify any and all expenditures. He will be missed. With the loss of Mike, the Board of Supervisors is obligated to fill his open position. The Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code mandates:

" . . . if a vacancy occurs in the office by death, resignation, removal from township or otherwise, the board of supervisors may appoint a successor who is an elector of the township and has resided in that township continuously for at least one year prior to their appointment, and, upon their failure to make the appointment within thirty days after the vacancy occurs, the vacancy shall be filled within fifteen additional days by the vacancy board."

Mike certainly left a big pair of shoes to fill and the Board would like to reach out to the community for individuals who would be interested in taking on the challenge. We would greatly encourage anyone interested in serving on the Board of Supervisors to email letters of interest and a resume to the Township Manager, Linda Csete at admin1@charlestown.pa.us. The Board of Supervisors will then schedule interviews prior to making a selection.

Should you have any questions about the position feel free to email Linda or any of the other Supervisors.

Sincerely, your Supervisors,

Frank A. Piliero, Chairman Charles A. Philips, Vice Chairman Kevin R. Kuhn Hugh D. Willig