

Milford Township

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Supervisors,

As you may know 6 townships in Pike County have now passed the Second Amendment Resolution (Blooming Grove, Shohola, Greene, Palmyra, Dingman and Delaware Townships). We have over 3000 signatures (and growing) from the people of Pike County who would like to see this passed in each of the townships. We are representing the residents of Milford Township, and would like to get this resolution as an agenda item for your consideration at the September 20th meeting at 7pm.

Attached is the resolution we want to have you pass in Milford Township. This resolution was drafted by and is endorsed by Firearm Owners Against Crime (FOAC), specifically its President and Chairman of the Board, Kim Stolfer. This exact resolution was just passed in Delaware Township on June 9, 2021.

For your reference, 19 counties and over 25 townships within Pennsylvania have now passed Second Amendment Resolutions, and those numbers have been growing quickly.

Please contact us to let us know if we will be on the agenda for September 20, 2021 at 7pm. Please have your solicitor review the resolution prior to the meeting. We would also be happy to answer any questions you may have in the meantime.

Patti Coombs & Bob Roche
Pike County Second Amendment Sanctuary

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
_____ TOWNSHIP, _____ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
DECLARING A SECOND AMENDMENT TOWNSHIP.**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution states, “a well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed;” and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court in the *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed that the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is not connected in any way to service in a militia; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court in *United States v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), stated that firearms that are part of ordinary military equipment with use that could contribute to the common defense are protected by the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution states, “no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws;” and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 21, of the Pennsylvania State Constitution states that, “The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned” and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 25, of the Pennsylvania State Constitution states that, “To guard against the transgressions of the high powers which we have delegated, we declare that everything in this article is excepted out of the general powers of government and shall forever remain inviolate.” and

WHEREAS, the _____ Township Board of Supervisors wishes to express opposition to any law or regulation, be it federal, state or county, that unconstitutionally restricts the rights under the Second Amendment of the US Constitution or Article I, Section 21 of the Pennsylvania Constitution to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the _____ Township Board of Supervisors wishes to express its intent to stand for Second Amendment Rights and to oppose any effort to unconstitutionally restrict such rights of its citizens to keep and bear arms, and will not use any township resources (money, manpower, facilities or equipment) to enforce any such unconstitutional state or federal gun control laws or restrict the rights of its citizens to keep and bear arms.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of _____
Township, as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2. The _____ Township Board of Supervisors hereby declares
_____ Township is a Second Amendment Township and as such shall celebrate, promote
and preserve for the People of, on, and in _____ Township, their right to bear arms as
guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 3 We the People of _____ Township, _____ County,
Pennsylvania, through this resolution hereby declare our rights, our freedom and our liberty as guaranteed
by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ADOPTED at a meeting held on the ____ day of _____,
2020.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By: _____
Chairman

PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust

2021 Ballot for Election of Trustees

Milford Township, Pike County
Shahana Shamim
PO Box 366,
Milford, PA 18337-0366

Pursuant to the Unemployment Compensation Group Trust's Amended and Restated Declaration and Agreement of Trust, each Participating Municipality has one (1) vote per vacancy on the Board of Trustees. As of December 31, 2021, the term of two (2) members of the Board of Trustees will expire. Therefore, each Participating Municipality may vote for two (2) candidates. The successful candidates will serve a term on the Board of Trustees from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

After nomination by the PSATS Executive Board, the Board of Trustees hereby presents and recommends the following candidates for election to the board positions:

Election of Trustee **(vote for two)**

☐ Clyde "Champ" Holman

☐ E. Christopher Abruzzo

(please fill in circles with blue or black ink)

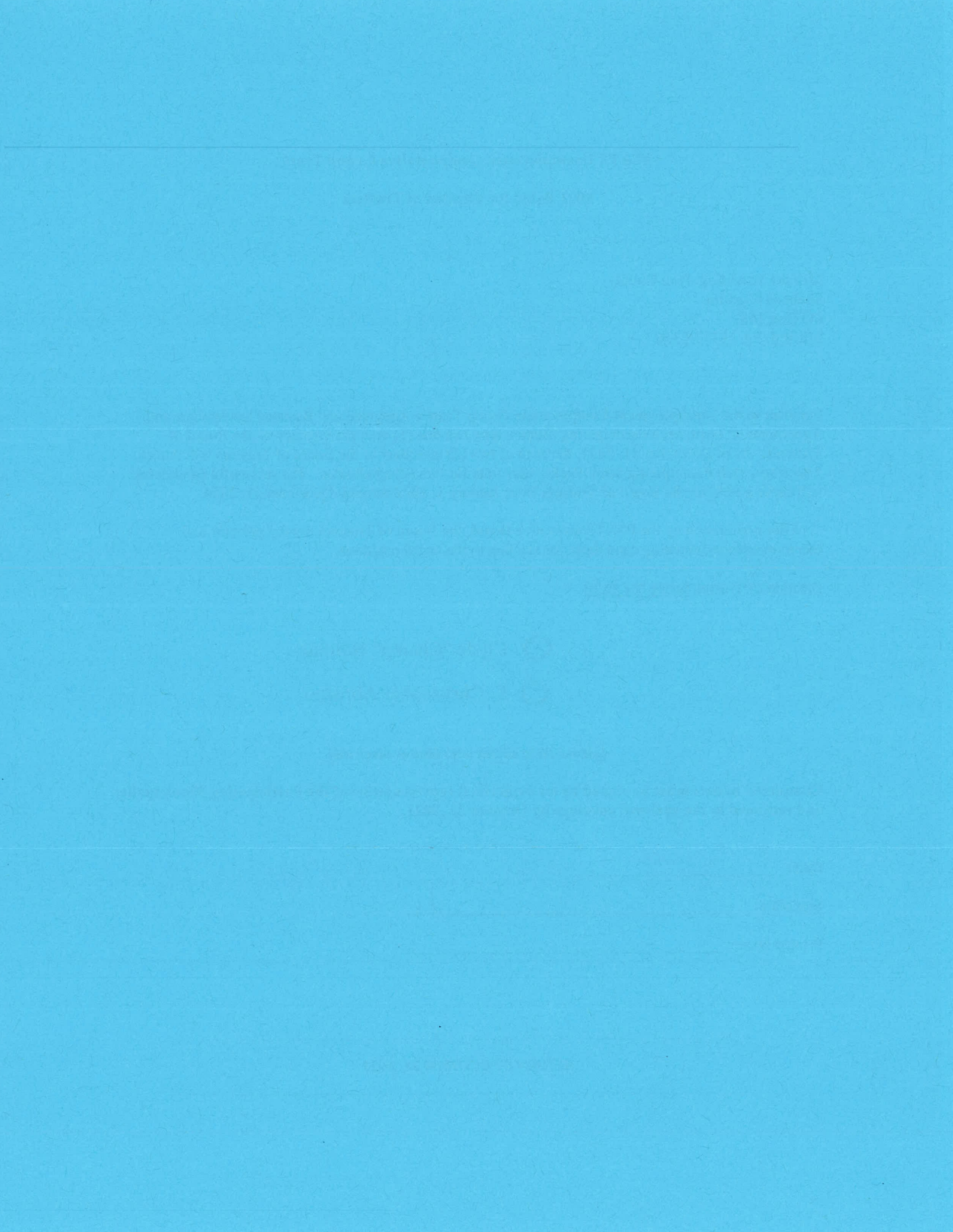
Completed ballots must be signed by an authorized representative of the Participating Municipality and returned in the enclosed envelope by October 31, 2021.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

RETURN BY OCTOBER 31, 2021



Biography of:

Clyde "Champ" Holman

Appointed by the Trustees to serve the balance of a vacated term, Clyde "Champ" Holman, is a township Supervisor from Ryan Township in Schuylkill County where he has served for over 30 years. Holman has served as President of the Schuylkill County Association of Township Officials and was a member of the Schuylkill Economic Development Corp and the County Chamber of Commerce.

Recently retired from Commonwealth service as Deputy Secretary for Community Affairs and Development in the Department of Community and Economic Development, he previously served as Chief of Staff for the late State Senator Jim Rhoades and was Senior Counselor to Senator Dave Argall. Holman earned a Kutztown University Criminal Justice degree in 1977.

He is currently President of The Holman Group, a Consulting firm that works with individuals, municipalities, and Businesses in need of advice on Local, State or Federal Governmental Affairs. He also serves as a consultant for Arra Consulting, a PA Engineering firm. His wife, Christine, is a retired District Attorney of Schuylkill County.



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Biography of:

E. Christopher Abruzzo

E. Christopher Abruzzo is Chair of the Derry Township Board of Supervisors (Dauphin County). He is in his 8th year serving as township supervisor with 6 years as Chair. He was elected in 2007 through 2013 and then appointed to fill a vacancy in 2020. He recently won both the Republican and Democrat nominations for a new 6-year term. He serves on the Derry Township Industrial/Commercial Development Authority, chairs the Dauphin County Planning Commission and previously served on the Derry Township Municipal Authority.

He has been employed by the Pennsylvania American Water Company since 2015, having been Director of Environmental Compliance and Water Quality, and now serves as Director of Business Development. With 15 years of prior service to the Commonwealth, Abruzzo served as Secretary of Environmental Protection, Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor and Deputy Attorney General overseeing the Drug Strike Task Force as well as Medicaid Fraud Control Section. He was also a county prosecutor in the Dauphin County District Attorney's Office.

Abruzzo graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Joseph's University in 1988 and Juris Doctorate from Widener Law School in 1992. Abruzzo and his wife, Andrea, have 3 children, all of whom graduated from Derry Township School District where they have resided for 21 years.



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Response and Analysis of the Milford Twp. Planning Commissioners Aug. 24th Meeting.

First, I will give you a *birds eye view* of what happened as a detached recorder.

It was a four member panel. The Solicitor, and three Planners. Kevin Stroyan was not present. (at the July 7th Planning Meeting Kevin said, he wrote this Ordinance in such a fashion "so that the Supervisors would pass it.") There were Members of the Milford Water Authority, Friends of the Milford Aquifer and a few citizens plus Dave Chant, present.

The competency of this panel was revealed by the words, statements and actions of the members themselves. We recorded the meeting so we can always go to the tape to back up this analysis.

Remember, this group was going to most likely **PASS** the Shepstone Ordinance that night. They started down the road of preparing to do just that - **Giving their rationale and how thoroughly they vetted this ordinance and how even the MWA agreed. (until the MWA spoke up Tue. Night to say not so fast.)**

I will frame the mindset of this group by using a teaching analogy since I was a teacher for 37 years. When it comes to the topic of the Shepstone Ordinance and its impact, **I will define their competency by a series of benchmark objectives:**

1) Did They Attend Class? (the MWA Workshop)

2) **Did they Read the Reading Assignment?** (*the MWA Source Water Protection Plan* - this is the Bedrock Document upon which the MWA bases all their protection activities around.

This is where Professional Hydrologist Todd Giddings *Delineated* the Milford Aquifer from the wider Sawkill Creek Watershed. This is an essential document if you are to have any understanding of **where the Aquifer is and how it works**. This is *Mandatory Reading* for this assignment.)

3) **Do they understand the Concepts that form the MWA Source Water Protection Plan?**

4) **Do they understand how those Concepts are applied and how they are implemented to protect the Drinking Water of the Town of Milford?**

So let's evaluate each member on the panel on the **Four Competencies**.

1) **The Solicitor, Tom Farley:** By his own admission, Tom wrote part of the language of this Ordinance and he did *not* attend the MWA Workshop. Not only did he not read the Source Water Protection Plan - He had no idea it even existed. So for all the competencies, **Tom did not achieve any of the Four**.

2) **Planner 2:** By his own admission he did not attend the MWA workshops and said "*I have no idea what you are talking about.*" So of the four competencies, **Planner 2 did not achieve any of them**.

3) **Planner 3:** He *did* attend the Two MWA Workshops but obviously was confused. By his own admission, He thought the MWA Source Water Protection Plan was a Dingman Twp. Ordinance that he proclaimed he "*Wanted No Part Of.*" So of the four competencies **he achieved only one, but even by being in person, he demonstrated that it provided him limited understanding of the task at hand**.

4) **Planner 4:** This Planner is hard to gauge because they provided limited feedback. This Planner *did* attend the MWA Workshop. As to the other three competencies, let's put them in not able to be evaluated due to lack of evidence. But because they were part of the group that produced this Ordinance and did not object to any of it, **let's put them in the questionable column**.

5) **Official Twp. Professional Planner: Tom Shepstone** was not present at this meeting. Keep in mind He is the Main Author of this Ordinance. By his own admission he has been a voluntary **UNCERTIFIED PLANNER** since 2007. Why? As he explained at a planning meeting in May, because the National and American Planning Certification Associations "*became too Liberal, because they believe in Climate Science.*" As a mouthpiece for the Gas and Oil Companies on his GAS NOW website, He proclaims **Climate Science** as "*Junk Science*" and **DDT** is a useful Chemical to be used for today's problems.

He attended the Two MWA Workshops. He wrote this Ordinance. He includes just a sliver of the Source Water Protection Plan - the Watershed Zone ONLY. He eliminates the MWA Hydrologist Delineated Aquifer Zone. He puts the Springs and Aquifer in Zone C, the Watershed. He identifies separate entities in this same Ordinance - Wellheads. He gives them protection Zones of 400ft radius and 1000ft radius.

He gives the Milford Springs and Aquifer **no protection Zones**. Zone C where the Milford Springs and Aquifer are located, is the widest Development Zone with permitted uses of: **Liquid Oil, Gasoline and Hazardous Waste Pipelines, Manufacturing Activities, Printing Chemicals, Dry Cleaning Chemicals, Furniture Finishing Chemicals and so on**. Because this is Zone C,

that places all these activities as permitted on **the Springs premises** or anywhere in the Watershed, which includes the Aquifer - so **on top of the Aquifer**.

So let's evaluate Tom Shepstone on the Four Competencies. He attended the Two MWA Workshops, but even in his presence, he demonstrates little understanding of the task at hand. Did he read the Source Water Protection Plan? Yes, but he only took out a sliver of the concepts and did not use them in accordance with the Hydrologists intended purposes. As for the last two competencies, he completely does not understand the concepts or their application.

This is the Milford Twp. Team writing the official Municipal Land Use Laws for the Twp. If they passed this Ordinance on Tuesday August 24th, They would have changed it from a Draft Ordinance to a **RECOMMENDED ORDINANCE**. It would have carried the full weight of a reviewed document authored by their Professional Planner and Solicitor, and given a stamp of approval by the entire staff of the Milford Twp. Planning Commissioners, with no dissenters. That concludes my objective birds eye view of the Milford Twp. and its inner workings of how this Ordinance was made.

Now comes the **official statement from the Friends of the Milford Aquifer**.

Now are you glad the **Milford Water Authority, Friends of the Milford Aquifer** and concerned Citizens were there to not only witness this **sloppiness and lack of Professionalism**, but to *do something about it*? If they had passed this ordinance with the revelations that we just revealed - What a **travesty** that would have been.

The MWA asked for two things on Tues. night :

- 1) **Append** the Source Water Protection Plan to the official text of the Shepstone Ordinance giving it the full legal weight and standing.
- 2) **Revamp** the Zoning Chart Column C to give a realistic view of what permitted uses were logical and remove the uses that they called, "*silly*."

The interaction between the Milford Twp. panel and the MWA was indicative of the **lack of professionalism** of the planning panel present. The MWA has been repeatedly asking for these modifications and the planners just seem incapable of hearing that information and processing it for *three months*, until Tues. night.

Maria Farrell candidate for Milford Borough Town Council was able to Get Tom Farley to drill down on the original Ordinance Text word **REFERENCE** - to the Source Water Protection Plan, where he admitted the word *reference* had no legal standing.

I addressed the Panel and commented on how *nonchalant* they spoke, not observing the *seriousness* of protecting the **PA Constitutional Rights** of the 2400 MWA drinking water customers. I said they seemed to only be focusing on the money making Property Rights of the privileged few. I also pushed beyond the MWA requests and added that the Milford Twp. Planners should honor the Original MWA request of having a **STAND ALONE ORDINANCE**. Separate the Milford Aquifer and Springs from the unrelated issue of a Wellhead Ordinance which the MWA originally called *unnecessarily cumbersome and confusing*.

Doesn't the Milford Aquifer and Springs deserve their own Stand Alone Protection Ordinance that is clearly Understandable, Accurate and Comprehensive?

I mentioned the name of **Maya k van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper**, one of our closest allies. She wrote six pages of comments about the Deficiencies of the Shepstone Ordinance. After invoking her name, **Tom Farley laughed out loud** and said some derogatory comment like "OH that lady." (we will go to the Audio tape to see exactly what he said.)

I said *"I want it recorded in the Official Record that Tom Farley laughed at the mention of Maya's Name."* I said the **Sierra Club** backs us up, do you laugh at them? I have **Air, Soil and Water** backing us up, do you laugh at them? But stopped at the futility of it all.

I kept trying to involve Doug Manion from the MWA on the **Zoom Screen** and Tom Farley kept interrupting saying there should be no side conversations. Doug continued to add valuable concept clarification. I was present at the MWA meeting the night before, I heard and saw everything and we even videotaped it. Doug Manion objected to some of my concept recollection but I know what I heard and I stand by statements. Tom Farley tried to discredit me three times because of that, and finally I had enough.

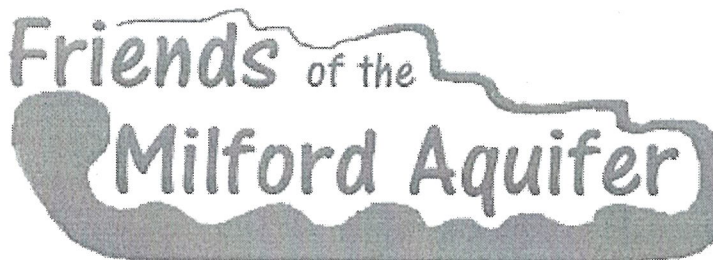
I told Tom to stop trying to discredit me. I have ears and eyes and I stand by my statements. I am not lying and have a great deal of experience with this issue and know what I am talking about." Especially if given more information, like the backstories we heard by sitting down having a lengthy round table discussion with the MWA. This is what I have been calling for for months. Look at the fruit this approach bore out, the very next day. I called for Milford Twp. to have a similar round table discussion.

The MWA and Friends of the Milford Aquifer were able to **STOP** the inadequate Shepstone Draft Ordinance from passing. The Solicitor and Milford Twp. Planners said they will read the MWA Source Water Protection Plan. It is promulgated on the MWA website under SWPP.

The Planners wisely chose to **TABLE** this Ordinance until further Review. Under the circumstances this is the best outcome. Now we have more opportunities to force the Milford Twp. Planners to get this right now, not when it reaches the Supervisors. On **Sept. 1st**, the Milford Twp. Planners are having a **workshop**. Vito

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Addendum to Analysis of Milford Twp. Aug.24th Planning Meeting.

Since Chant was sitting there throughout the entire meeting and left with Solicitor Tom Farley, he cannot deny that he heard the MWA explain their position of the importance of their SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLAN (SWPP) which delineates the Milford Aquifer as being part of the many properties that he is selling at the I84/Rt.6 Interchange. He is selling this Aquifer Land and advertising it as "PRIME COMMERCIAL PROPERTY!!!" HE adds the three exclamation Points.

In a letter to the Dingman Twp. Supervisors in 2016, he pronounced the I84/Rt.6 Interchange as the "**Crossroads of the World.**"

That is not what the MWA SWPP says: They label Inappropriate Development at that Interchange as the second most serious threat to the Milford Springs, after the first threat - a Chemical spill from an overturned Tanker Truck. Why? Because the Milford Aquifer is an

"Unconfined Aquifer" as Research Biologist Earl Verbeek explained in a letter to Dingman Twp. in Oct, 2006. That means it has no bedrock barriers like in an "Confined Aquifer," or like you would find in the wider 25 sq. mi. Sawkill Creek Watershed, outside the 13 sq. mi. Aquifer Zone.

Biologist Earl Verbeek explained that the unconfined Milford Aquifer is so sensitive that a chemical spill anywhere near the I84/Rt.6 Interchange can be at the Milford Springs within 8 hours. The 8 hour reference can also be found in the MWA SWPP.

Too much Impervious Surface due to development on the Aquifer would block the water recharge to the Springs. The water that used to flow to the Spring on the unpaved sand and gravel, would now sit on top of the blacktop parking lots and other impervious surfaces, like roof tops.

Because of climate change this black top water will now get hotter and hotter as temperatures increase. This altered water will carry any surface contaminants from the new black top areas. Any oil gas or any other vehicle contaminants or any discharge from development activities will now flow extremely fast off of these new impervious surfaces. No collection pond in the Aquifer Area could stop these contaminants from reaching the Springs because the retention pond is in a sand and gravel area.

Because water is now hot, flows fast and contains the surface contaminants, it will enter the Sawkill Creek and the Sloat Brook "exceptional water" Stream. This tainted water will kill the fish and other aquatic life. According to many scientific SMART DEVELOPMENT studies that I referenced many times, if the impervious surface is below 10% of a property, the water quality can rebound. If the Impervious surface is between 10 - 25% you start to see noticeable degradation of the water. If the Impervious surface reaches over 25%, the water becomes so degraded that there is no recovery.

The Princeton Hydro study conducted around the same time as the MWA Source Water Protection Plan came to the same conclusions: Intensive development around the I84/Rt.6 Interchange will have a major impact on the Sawkill Creek aquatic life... as well as on the Milford Borough public water supply.

Biologist Faith Zerbe, made the same argument on March 16, 2021, at Resort Commercial Zone expansion at the Dingman Twp. Public Hearing. The hearing of the Wit 82.54 acres that Chant championed in his "Crossroads of the World" letter. All that land either is on TOP the Aquifer or directly influences it.

Remember in 2006, Dingman Twp. passed a 118 acre RC Zone, all directly on the Aquifer.

Explain to me how they can develop that extremely steep Dingman Twp. RC Zone 84.54 acres? They would have to blow the top off that mountain to flatten it, which is a Shepstone trademark. Just look at how the development around Dickson City, Pa., a Shepstone Project, altered Bell Mountain near Scranton. Just look at Shepstone's hometown Honesdale. The entire new development area sits on top of flatten mountains that have been turned to rubble. They did not even have the courtesy to landscape the rubble. Is that what the citizens of the Town of Milford want their Gateway entrance to look like - extensive development on a pile of rubble on top of their Aquifer?

What do Dingman Twp. and Milford Twp. have in common? - Tom Shepstone is the official Planning Consultant.

The 44 acre former Latemore property is probably the most crucial potential threat to the Aquifer and Springs, because its lower reaches are only 2800 ft. from the Milford Springs. Just imagine hot, fast flowing,

contaminant ridden surface water flying down that mountain directly into the Aquifer and Springs.

Chant knows very well that the Aquifer is under those properties that he sells, around the I84/Rt.6 Interchange. Not just from last night, but he came to see my two Aquifer presentations to Milford Borough between 2004-2006. He came to my Aquifer presentations to the Pike County Commissioners during that same time period.

So why can he get away with selling this clearly publized Aquifer Zone as PRIME COMMERCIAL Property, when He has known where the Aquifer is for a long time?

I would like an answer to that Question. The answer has implications for the Health and Safety of our Community. The answer to that question determines if the Town of Milford continues to have Clean Drinking Water, Now and into our Future. Don't you think we deserve an answer? Vito

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Response and Analysis of the Milford Twp. Planning Commissioners Aug. 24th Meeting.

First, I will give you a *birds eye view* of what happened as a detached recorder.

It was a four member panel. The Solicitor, and three Planners. Kevin Stroyan was not present. (at the July 7th Planning Meeting Kevin said, he wrote this Ordinance in such a fashion "so that the Supervisors would pass it.") There were Members of the Milford Water Authority, Friends of the Milford Aquifer and a few citizens plus Dave Chant, present.

The competency of this panel was revealed by the words, statements and actions of the members themselves. We recorded the meeting so we can always go to the tape to back up this analysis.

Remember, this group was going to most likely **PASS** the Shepstone Ordinance that night. They started down the road of preparing to do just that - **Giving their rationale and how thoroughly they vetted this ordinance and how even the MWA agreed. (until the MWA spoke up Tue. Night to say not so fast.)**

I will frame the mindset of this group by using a teaching analogy since I was a teacher for 37 years. When it comes to the topic of the Shepstone Ordinance and its impact, **I will define their competency by a series of *benchmark objectives*:**

1) **Did They Attend Class? (the MWA Workshop)**

2) **Did they Read the Reading Assignment? (*the MWA Source Water Protection Plan* - this is the Bedrock Document upon which the MWA bases all their protection activities around.**

This is where Professional Hydrologist Todd Giddings *Delineated* the Milford Aquifer from the wider Sawkill Creek Watershed. This is an essential document if you are to have any understanding of **where the Aquifer is and how it works**. This is *Mandatory Reading* for this assignment.)

3) **Do they understand the Concepts that form the MWA Source Water Protection Plan?**

4) **Do they understand how those Concepts are applied and how they are implemented to protect the Drinking Water of the Town of Milford?**

So let's evaluate each member on the panel on the **Four Competencies**.

1) **The Solicitor, Tom Farley:** By his own admission, Tom wrote part of the language of this Ordinance and he did *not* attend the MWA Workshop. Not only did he not read the Source Water Protection Plan - He had no idea it even existed. So for all the competencies, **Tom did not achieve any of the Four.**

2) **Planner 2:** By his own admission he did not attend the MWA workshops and said *"I have no idea what you are talking about."* So of the four competencies, **Planner 2 did not achieve any of them.**

3) **Planner 3:** He *did* attend the Two MWA Workshops but obviously was confused. By his own admission, He thought the MWA Source Water Protection Plan was a Dingman Twp. Ordinance that he proclaimed he *"Wanted No Part Of."* So of the four competencies **he achieved only one, but even by being in person, he demonstrated that it provided him limited understanding of the task at hand.**

4) **Planner 4:** This Planner is hard to gauge because they provided limited feedback. This Planner *did* attend the MWA Workshop. As to the other three competencies, let's put them in not able to be evaluated due to lack of evidence. But because they were part of the group that produced this Ordinance and did not object to any of it, **let's put them in the questionable column.**

5) **Official Twp. Professional Planner: Tom Shepstone** was not present at this meeting. Keep in mind He is the Main Author of this Ordinance. By his own admission he has been a voluntary **UNCERTIFIED PLANNER** since 2007. Why? As he explained at a planning meeting in May, because the National and American Planning Certification Associations *"became too Liberal, because they believe in Climate Science."* As a mouthpiece for the Gas and Oil Companies on his GAS NOW website, He proclaims **Climate Science** as *"Junk Science"* and **DDT** is a useful Chemical to be used for today's problems.

He attended the Two MWA Workshops. He wrote this Ordinance. He includes just a sliver of the Source Water Protection Plan - the Watershed Zone ONLY. He eliminates the MWA Hydrologist Delineated Aquifer Zone. He puts the Springs and Aquifer in Zone C, the Watershed. He identifies separate entities in this same Ordinance - Wellheads. He gives them protection Zones of 400ft radius and 1000ft radius.

He gives the Milford Springs and Aquifer **no protection Zones**. Zone C where the Milford Springs and Aquifer are located, is the widest Development Zone with permitted uses of: **Liquid Oil, Gasoline and Hazardous Waste Pipelines, Manufacturing Activities, Printing Chemicals, Dry Cleaning Chemicals, Furniture Finishing Chemicals and so on.** Because this is Zone C, that places all these activities as permitted on **the Springs premises** or anywhere in the Watershed, which includes the Aquifer - **so on top of the Aquifer.**

So let's evaluate Tom Shepstone on the Four Competencies. He attended the Two MWA Workshops, but even in his presence, he demonstrates little understanding of the task at hand. Did he read the Source Water Protection Plan? Yes, but he only took out a sliver of the concepts and did not use them in accordance with the Hydrologists intended purposes. As for the last two competencies, he completely does not understand the concepts or their application.

This is the Milford Twp. Team writing the official Municipal Land Use Laws for the Twp. If they passed this Ordinance on Tuesday August 24th, They would have changed it from a Draft Ordinance to a **RECOMMENDED ORDINANCE**. It would have carried the full weight of a reviewed document authored by their Professional Planner and Solicitor, and given a stamp of approval by the entire staff of the Milford Twp. Planning Commissioners, with no dissenters.

That concludes my objective birds eye view of the Milford Twp. and its inner workings of how this Ordinance was made.

Now comes the **official statement from the Friends of the Milford Aquifer.**

Now are you glad the **Milford Water Authority, Friends of the Milford Aquifer** and concerned Citizens were there to not only witness this **sloppiness and lack of Professionalism**, but to *do something about it*? If they had passed this ordinance with the revelations that we just revealed - What a **travesty** that would have been.

The MWA asked for two things on Tues. night :

- 1) **Append** the Source Water Protection Plan to the official text of the Shepstone Ordinance giving it the full legal weight and standing.
- 2) **Revamp** the Zoning Chart Column C to give a realistic view of what permitted uses were logical and remove the uses that they called, "*silly.*"

The interaction between the Milford Twp. panel and the MWA was indicative of the **lack of professionalism** of the planning panel present. The MWA has been repeatedly asking for these modifications and the planners just seem incapable of hearing that information and processing it for *three months*, until Tues. night.

Maria Farrell candidate for Milford Borough Town Council was able to Get Tom Farley to drill down on the original Ordinance Text word **REFERENCE** - to the Source Water Protection Plan, where he admitted the word *reference* had no legal standing.

I addressed the Panel and commented on how **nonchalant** they spoke, not observing the *seriousness* of protecting the **PA Constitutional Rights** of the 2400 MWA drinking water customers. I said they seemed to only be focusing on the money making Property Rights of the privileged few. I also pushed beyond the MWA requests and added that the Milford Twp. Planners should honor the Original MWA request of having a **STAND ALONE ORDINANCE**. Separate the Milford Aquifer and Springs from the unrelated issue of a Wellhead Ordinance which the MWA originally called *unnecessarily cumbersome and confusing*.

Doesn't the Milford Aquifer and Springs deserve their own Stand Alone Protection Ordinance that is clearly Understandable, Accurate and Comprehensive?

I mentioned the name of **Maya k van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper**, one of our closest allies. She wrote six pages of comments about the Deficiencies of the Shepstone Ordinance. After invoking her name, **Tom Farley laughed out loud** and said some derogatory comment like "OH that lady." (we will go to the Audio tape to see exactly what he said.)

I said **"I want it recorded in the Official Record that Tom Farley laughed at the mention of Maya's Name."** I said the **Sierra Club** backs us up, do you laugh at them? I have **Air, Soil and Water** backing us up, do you laugh at them? But stopped at the futility of it all.

I kept trying to involve Doug Manion from the MWA on the **Zoom Screen** and Tom Farley kept interrupting saying there should be no side conversations. Doug continued to add valuable concept clarification. I was present at the MWA meeting the night before, I heard and saw everything and we even videotaped it. Doug Manion objected to some of my concept recollection but I know what I heard and I stand by statements. Tom Farley tried to discredit me three times because of that, and finally I had enough.

I told Tom to stop trying to discredit me. I have ears and eyes and I stand by my statements. I am not lying and have a great deal of experience with this issue and know what I am talking

about." Especially if given more information, like the backstories we heard by sitting down having a lengthy round table discussion with the MWA. This is what I have been calling for for months. Look at the fruit this approach bore out, the very next day. I called for Milford Twp. to have a similar round table discussion.

The MWA and Friends of the Milford Aquifer were able to **STOP** the inadequate Shepstone Draft Ordinance from passing. The Solicitor and Milford Twp. Planners said they will read the MWA Source Water Protection Plan. It is promulgated on the MWA website under SWPP.

The Planners wisely chose to **TABLE** this Ordinance until further Review. Under the circumstances this is the best outcome. Now we have more opportunities to force the Milford Twp. Planners to get this right now, not when it reaches the Supervisors. On **Sept. 1st**, the Milford Twp. Planners are having a **workshop**. Vito

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Lower Costs, Better Care

Democrats are working on the Build Back Better Agenda in Congress, which is about three things: More Jobs, Lower Taxes for Working Families and Lower Costs.

For many middle-class families and working Americans, health care is their biggest monthly expense. Millions of Americans are one emergency trip to the hospital away from bankruptcy.

This week, I joined Protect Our Care's nationwide bus tour for their stop at Public Square in Wilkes-Barre. I was proud to stand with health care workers and caregivers fighting to lower health costs and expand coverage.



I am fighting to ensure that all Pennsylvanians, no matter where they live, can afford the medicine and care they need. In Washington, I'm looking forward to passing the Build Back Better agenda, which will reduce the burden of sky-high health care costs for working people and make quality care more accessible.

A Word on Afghanistan

In the course of two decades in Afghanistan,

American forces have diminished al-Qaeda, the terrorist group responsible for the September 11 attack on our nation, along with the threat they posed to our national security. Words cannot express my gratitude for the sacrifices our troops made in defending our homeland from terrorism abroad.

While I believe, like most Americans, that we needed to bring an end to the longest war in our nation's history, I also believe it is critical for the federal government to do everything necessary for a safe drawdown and extraction of American citizens, allies and Afghans who courageously partnered with our military in this mission. Going forward, it will also be important for Congress and the White House to work together to ensure terror threats to our nation do not originate from this region again.

I know this is a difficult time for many of our brave servicemembers who sacrificed so much over the course of this war. To those struggling during this difficult time, I want you to know that you are not alone. Here are a few resources:

- **Veterans Crisis Line** - *If you are having thoughts of suicide, call 1-800-273-8255, then PRESS 1 or visit <http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>*
- For emergency mental health care, you can also go directly to your local VA medical center 24/7 regardless of your discharge status or enrollment in other VA health care.
- **Vet Centers** - *Discuss how you feel with other Veterans in these community-based counseling centers. **70% of Vet Center staff are Veterans.** Call 1-877-927-8387 or find one near you.*
- **VA Mental Health Services Guide** - *This guide will help you sign up and access mental*

health services.

- **Download VA's self-help apps** - Tools to help deal with common reactions like, stress, sadness, and anxiety. You can also track your symptoms over time.
- **VA Women Veterans Call Center** - *Call or text 1-855-829-6636 (M-F 8AM - 10PM & SAT 8AM - 6:30PM ET)*

Lastly, if you are an American in Afghanistan or know someone who is that needs assistance, please fill out this U.S. State Department repatriation form.

U.S. Embassy Kabul Repatriation Form

Supporting NEPA's Firefighters

Firefighters risk their lives to protect our communities, so they need up-to-date equipment that will keep them safe when they're out on the frontlines.

That's why I was proud to help bring a total of **\$127,000 in federal funding to three fire stations** in Wayne and Luzerne counties.



These funds will be used to purchase much-needed gear that will protect our firefighters as they work hard to protect us.

Read more here

COVID-19 Booster Shots Available in September

U.S. medical experts have announced a plan to administer COVID-19 booster shots for fully

vaccinated adults starting the week of September 20. The booster shot will increase protections from the worst outcomes of the virus, like severe illness, hospitalization and death. And it will help us continue to fight back against this pandemic.

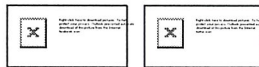
Adults over the age of 18 who received the mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) will become eligible to receive a booster shot eight months after their second dose. For those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine: medical officials are still reviewing whether a booster will be necessary.

The evidence shows that the COVID-19 vaccine is the safest and most effective way to protect yourself from the virus. If you or a loved one have questions about the best choice for your health, talk to a trusted care provider so you can make an informed decision. The sooner we can beat this virus, the sooner we can get back to doing the things we love.

Be safe and well,



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