



TOWNSHIP OF

*Hampton*

*Office of  
the Manager*

May 24, 2023

Dr.Carolynn Johnson, Council President  
Members of Council  
Jerry Speakman, Controller  
Residents of Hampton  
Township of Hampton  
3101 McCully Road  
Allison Park, PA. 15101

**Re: Municipal Manager Position**

Dear Dr. Johnson, Members of Council, Mr. Speakman, and Residents of Hampton,

For the past thirty-seven years you have allowed me the privilege to serve as your Municipal Manager. This experience has represented one of the greatest honors of my life, second only to marrying my wife Janet and the birth of our children Erin, Alex, and Michael. During this time, I have experienced many ups and downs, many successes and yes, even setbacks in overseeing Township operations. I believe, however, that most of you as well as the Township's residents would agree that the successes have well out numbered the setbacks.

The successes of the Township that I have enjoyed over the years while serving as Municipal Manager are not just my own, they are attributable to many individuals, Township employees both past and present. People like Anna Marie Frketic, Ed Berzonski, Irene Reaghard, Dan Connolly, Albert Presto, Alex Zarenko, Kevin Flannery, Jim Gagliano, Marty Orban, Joann Gaus, Joann Jarvis, Dominic Mazzotta, George Kern, and Kevin Corace in just mentioning a few. Also, the Township's current administrative staff and employees who have, and continue to work tirelessly every day to improve the quality of life of the Township's residents. Their efforts have made Hampton a community that is truly the envy of many throughout Allegheny County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They are a true team who, put simply, care about what they do and what is best for Hampton residents. I have been blessed to be a small part of this team and cannot thank them all enough for their efforts, support, and encouragement over the years.

During my time as Municipal Manager with the Township I have worked with eighteen different Council groups and six different Township Controllers. Although they were all different in their approaches to serving the Township, they had one thing in common; they were Hamptonians first and politicians second. Very rarely did they ever let politics get in the way of what was best for the Township's residents. They; you, are to be commended for that, especially the past two Council groups who worked exceptionally hard to make this so.

Last, I would be remiss if I did acknowledge and recognize two special individuals who, one from a professional standpoint and the other from a personal standpoint made it possible for me to survive the good and bad moments that came with being the Township's Municipal Manager. From the first day that I walked through the door of the Hampton Municipal Building to today, Susan Bernet has been there. First as my secretary, then as an Administrative Assistant and now today as the Assistant Township Manager. Her professionalism and support over the years has been unwavering, even when we have had disagreement as to what was best for the Township. Susan, thank you!

From a personal standpoint, although I think she might argue that she was a quasi-member of the Township Administrative Staff because of all the endless questions that she has had to answer about Township operations over the years, is my wife Janet. There is no doubt in my mind that I could have never made this career journey without her. She knows better than anyone what being the Municipal Manager for Hampton Township means, and most importantly what it takes. Over the years she has been a true partner who never wavered and who gave up so much along the way. Being the wife of the Municipal Manager means that you unfortunately are looked upon differently as a member of the community and sometimes that was very difficult. It was especially most difficult when she and I both knew that it was also affecting our children as well. Janet: we did it, and we started this journey together and I thank you so very much that we are able to say we finish it together.

In the book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, Verse 1 it is written that "There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven." That appointed time for me regarding the next event in my life is now upon me. As such, with this letter please be advised that I wish to formally inform you of my intention to retire as the Municipal Manager for the Township of Hampton effective February 1, 2024.

Sincerely,  
TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON



W. Christopher Lochner  
Municipal Manager

Cc. Employees of the Township of Hampton