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## **LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP PRESS RELEASE**

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HIRE FOUR NEW POLICE OFFICERS, DESIGNATE JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> AS JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY, AUTHORIZE A TREE CITY AND ANNOUNCE GRANT AWARD**

**Spring House, PA- May 25, 2022**

The Lower Gwynedd Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the hiring of four new police officers and welcomed those officers to the force at their meeting held, Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Officers John Taylor, Kayin Nix, John Dobson, and Dennis Cosgrove were sworn-in by Judge Zaffarano before their friends, families, and colleagues. Officer Shawn Sweeney was also promoted to the position of Sergeant and sworn-in, while Detective Michael Cantrell received a certificate of recognition for his exceptional police work. Chief Paul Kenny thanked the BOS for their commitment to the force and the future of the Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department.

In other business, the BOS approved Resolution #2022-15 designating June 19, 2022 as “Juneteenth Independence Day” and recognizing the significance of Juneteenth and the observance of its importance to Black liberation and progress toward the abolition of enslavement as part of the history and heritage of the United States. Chairperson Danielle Duckett stated “I think it is important that we acknowledge the significance of Juneteenth and the resilience of black folks in our country and the vigilance they’ve shown through history as they’ve endured the delay of justice”.

The Lower Gwynedd Township BOS also approved the Environmental Advisory Council’s Tree Give Away Program that will be conducted this Fall. A variety of trees will be provided to the first 200 Lower Gwynedd Township residents who present themselves during the giveaway event. The tree giveaway will be conducted as part of Lower Gwynedd Township’s commitment to increasing the coverage of the tree canopy to help with managing stormwater runoff and reducing excess atmospheric carbon dioxide, a major cause of global warming.

Finally, Township Manager, Craig McAnally, announced that the Township was notified that they have been awarded the 2022 Montco 20/40 Grant in the amount of \$78,667.00 for the Bethlehem Pike Pedestrian Improvement project. This funding will help offset the cost of the required pedestrian bridge along the southbound (west) side of Bethlehem Pike.

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