

2017 Montgomery Twp. Committee Reorganization Remarks – 1/05/17

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Good evening everyone. Thank you for coming. Congratulations to Mayor Trzaska and Deputy Mayor Smith. I look forward to working with both of you in your new roles. I'm sure that we will get a lot done, and enact a lot of proclamations. Thank you to former Mayor Graham and Deputy Mayor Trzaska for your leadership for the past year. Reflecting back on 2016, I am proud that we kept spending low, continued to protect public health and safety, and invested in our infrastructure in many areas of town. But I think that the most meaningful work has been with the police department. While retirements are never easy, the resulting changes provided an opportunity to shape the future of one of the most important services that the township provides. We said goodbye to Captain Palmer, and welcomed Captain Wain in his new role. He is already showing us that the police department and our community are in good hands. I look forward to our continued involvement in this process with our police, most notably the 15 "why I want to be a sergeant" essays I will be enjoying this weekend.

I'm also excited about the targeted development that is planned for some key areas of town. This is probably the last burst of development we'll see, as our town is reaching maturity, and we have preserved so much of our land. I know that a lot of careful planning (and a little praying for a Starbucks) has gone into the types of services that would enhance our community, and it will be great to see the results start to take shape.

We have much work to do, but I look forward to working with our township professionals, my fellow committee members, and members of our community to make it all happen. Thank you.