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Sharpsburg Borough Manager to Lead Statewide Association



William S. Rossey, borough manager in Sharpsburg Borough, Allegheny County, will become President of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) on June 1. He was sworn in on May 10 by Magisterial District Judge Carolyn S. Bengel, of Allegheny County, at the PSAB Annual Conference in Hershey.

Rossey is the first manager in more than 30 years to be elected to the Association's top post. As the day-to-day administrator for borough government, he brings firsthand experience to this role and is keenly aware of the issues and challenges facing boroughs across the state.

Rossey is active in the Allegheny County Boroughs Association, and was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Chrostwaite Institute in 2016. The Institute focuses on such key areas as government efficiency, community investment, transportation, water infrastructure, economic development, and the promotion of civic engagement in local communities.

During his term as President, Rossey will promote the theme, *Put Your HEART into Your Governing*. The theme will encompass components of honesty, ethics, accountability, responsibility, and trust (HEART).

Rossey's priorities over the next year including advocating for preservation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which provides critical funds to local governments for social services, public infrastructure, and other services. He will also work to advance legislation that would require tax-exempt organizations to pay appropriate taxes based on the assessed values as they benefit from local services.

"Rossey's extensive experience in local government and community development makes him an ideal leader for this Association," said PSAB Executive Director Chris Cap.

Rossey previously served as the borough manager in Tarentum. He previously served on Tarentum Borough Council, and was a volunteer firefighter at Highland Hose Company for more than 40 years. Rossey is also a Pennsylvania Notary Public. Rossey attended Highlands High School where he developed a keen sense of community involvement through his service on numerous civic and community service organization boards over the years. He enjoys his 4 grandchildren, is an avid golfer and cook, and learning about the history of the region and traveling. Prior to this role as the manager in Tarentum, he served as store manager of the Natrona Heights Shop n' Save Supermarket, and as a Rehab Technology Specialist for Blackburn's Physicians Pharmacy.

Rossey joins Councilman Carl Cox, of Knoxville Borough, Tioga County, as 1st Vice President; Council President Pro Temp Tom Gramling, of Westmont Borough, Cambria County, who was elected 2nd Vice President; and Mayor Chuck Mummert, of Elizabethtown Borough, Lancaster County, who becomes Immediate Past President.

About PSAB

The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) is a statewide, non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to serving 957 borough governments. Since 1911, PSAB has represented the interests of boroughs and helped to shape the laws that laid their foundation. The Association improves and assists local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education, and other services. With more than 2.6 million Pennsylvanians residing in borough communities, our members strive to deliver quality leadership and service to citizens across the Commonwealth. For more information, visit www.boroughs.org.