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Lower Paxton Township appoints interim leadership to ensure seamless transition

Lower Paxton Township, PA (July 9, 2025) – The Lower Paxton Board of Supervisors has appointed an experienced interim management team to guide Township operations during its leadership transition and maintain continuity of service to residents.

This month, the Board approved the hiring of Thomas Vernau as Interim Township Manager for three months. The Board also officially appointed Public Safety Director Adam Kosheba as Interim Assistant Township Manager, a role Kosheba has been serving in since late June.

"Lower Paxton is a thriving community with strong values and a clear commitment to serving its residents," Vernau said. "I'm honored to step into this interim role and look forward to working closely with the staff and Board to support the Township's continued success."

Vernau, a Township resident since 1988, has extensive experience in municipal government. He served as Lower Allen Township's Finance Director from 1988 to 2006 and then as Manager from 2007 until his retirement in January. Additionally, he served as past president for the Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management and the Government Finance Officers Association of Pennsylvania.

To ensure a smooth onboarding process, the Township will maintain a short overlap period with former Township Manager Brad Gotshall, whose consulting contract is set to



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conclude on July 18. This overlap allows Gotshall to help orient Vernau to the Township's current operations, projects, and priorities.

The Board anticipates launching a nationwide search for a permanent Township Manager shortly and will keep the public informed throughout the process.

During this period of transition, the Board of Supervisors remains fully committed to ensuring uninterrupted municipal services and responsive governance. With a strong interim leadership team in place, Lower Paxton Township is well-positioned to continue meeting the needs of its residents.

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