



# Borough of Chambersburg

*A full service municipality in Franklin County celebrating over 65 years of consumer owned natural gas service over 120 years of community electric and a regional wastewater, water, storm sewer and municipal solid waste utility*

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Chambersburg Town Council Holds Reorganization Meeting & Reelects Allen Coffman as Council President

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Chambersburg, Franklin County – As required by State Law, the Biennial Reorganization Meeting of Town Council was held on January 2, 2024. Four members of Town Council received the oath of office from Magisterial District Judge Glenn K. Manns, and Council Member Allen B. Coffman was reelected as the President of Town Council.

Mr. Coffman, first elected representing Chambersburg's First Ward in 1994, has served as President of Council going back to 2014, with a break between 2018-2021.

"I am honored and humbled by the continuing support of Council to serve in this leadership role," explained President of Council Allen Coffman. "In 2023, we saw a number of important projects begin in earnest including the upcoming construction of a community healthcare facility by Keystone Rural Health, at the Southgate Shopping Center, and a significant grant award from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to upgrade the natural gas infrastructure in our community." Mr. Coffman also noted the removal of lead pipes from the Borough's water distribution system and stressed that he is committed to having outstanding and reliable utility services in Chambersburg Borough at reasonable costs.

Chambersburg is the only municipality in Pennsylvania to operate their own electric utility, natural gas utility, water, sewer, and storm sewer utilities; not through an authority, but under oversight of the Chambersburg Town Council.

"You may have seen the development of new housing projects in the north end of the Borough, near Nicholson Square, and in the south end of the Borough, near Mill Road. This demonstrates that Chambersburg is still a growing and developing community," added Mr. Coffman. He also mentioned new retail development in the Borough along Gateway Avenue.

In addition to Mr. Coffman's selection as President of Town Council, Thomas Newcomer was elected Vice-President, John N. Huber was reelected as Finance Chair, and Bill Everly Jr. was elected as Finance Vice-Chair. These appointments constitute Council leadership for the Borough of Chambersburg. Jeffrey Stonehill, Director of Utilities, was reappointed as Borough Manager.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Jamia Wright, Borough Secretary, Borough of Chambersburg, at (717) 251-2437 or, [boroughsecretariesoffice@chambersburgpa.gov](mailto:boroughsecretariesoffice@chambersburgpa.gov).

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#### About Chambersburg:

Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania's only municipality providing electric and gas to residents and businesses. Chambersburg is 1 of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit electric utility. Chambersburg is the largest municipal electric utility in the State, twice as large as the second largest, Ephrata, Lancaster County; and, the only one to operate multiple generation stations. Chambersburg is 1 of 2 municipalities in PA to operate a natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Nationally, Chambersburg is 1 of 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and 1 of 1,000 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 60 to operate both. Chambersburg manages a regional water system, a regional sanitary sewer system (not through an independent Authority), and a new storm sewer utility; one of the first storm sewer utilities to form under the new Federal mandate to regulate stormwater. Chambersburg has a famous Aquatic Center as well. Chambersburg, the County Seat of Franklin County, currently has 22,172 residents (2022) and over 11,000 utility customers.