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Mayor Submits Resignation - Council to Consider Acceptance Monday

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania – Chambersburg Mayor Darren Brown has submitted a letter of resignation to the Chambersburg Town Council, effective with the Council's upcoming meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017.

The letter indicates that Mayor Brown wishes his resignation to be effective once approved by Council on Monday night.

According to the letter, Mayor Brown, who serves in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, will "...transition from the Pennsylvania Air National Guard to the United States Air Force, which means I must resign as Mayor of Chambersburg."

The Mayor goes on to say "I have been working with my Air Force recruiter and my Air National Guard unit since December in order to achieve numerous required tasks, which finally brought me to official approval on August 28th. Christy & I do not yet know what where we will be stationed nor when we will be moving but we do know that it will be outside of Pennsylvania and very soon."

Mayor Brown, who previously served in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, was deployed to Iraq for 11 months (2005-2006) and Afghanistan for 13 months (2008-2009). He was elected as Mayor of the Borough of Chambersburg in November 2013 and his first term is due to end on December 31, 2017.

After Council accepts his resignation, the President of Council will automatically become Acting Mayor pursuant to State law. Council then has thirty days to appoint an Interim Mayor to complete the term of Darren Brown, ending on December 31, 2017.

Council can approve an Interim Mayor at their next regularly scheduled meeting on September 26, 2017. If Council fails to act within 30 days, the Vacancy Board will meet and select an Interim Mayor to complete Darren Brown's term. The November 2017 election will select a new Mayor of the Borough of Chambersburg, whose term begins in January 2018. The Interim Mayor selected by Town Council will serve only to the end of the year.

Any capable citizen, age 18 or older, who is a registered voter of any of the five wards that make up the Borough of Chambersburg, is eligible to be appointed Interim Mayor.

Under State law, a Mayor of a borough in Pennsylvania has a limited role in government. They are a non-voting member of Council, may approve new local laws adopted by Council, break tie votes of Council, and manage the day-to-day operations of a borough's Police Department. The President of Council is the Chief Elected Officer of the Borough; not the Mayor.

Mayor Brown's resignation letter is a public document, but not official until accepted by Council on Monday, September 11.

Mayor Brown can be reached by email at Mayor@chambersburgpa.gov

For comment, please contact Council President Allen Coffman at acoffman@chambersburgpa.gov

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 supplying electric and gas. 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 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 800 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 50 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 currently has 20,508 residents (2013). www.chambersburgpa.gov



Borough of Chambersburg
Office of the Mayor
Darren Brown

Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2017

To: Borough Manager Jeffrey Stonehill

From: Mayor Darren Brown

CC: Borough Council President Allen Coffman, Police Chief Ron Camacho, and Police Sergeant Rick Morrisette

Subject: Resigning as Mayor of Chambersburg

In 2004 I began serving our country in the United States Army. While in the 101st Airborne Division, I was deployed to Iraq for 11 months (2005-2006) and Afghanistan for 13 months (2008-2009). After leaving the Army in 2009, I joined the Pennsylvania Air National Guard in 2010 where I still serve in the 193rd Special Operations Wing. However I have given it much consideration and decided that I want to live and work as an airman all the time rather than limiting it to one weekend a month.

Therefore I have decided to transition from the Pennsylvania Air National Guard to the United States Air Force, which means I must resign as Mayor of Chambersburg. I have been working with my Air Force recruiter and my Air National Guard unit since December in order to achieve numerous required tasks, which finally brought me to official approval on August 28th. Christy & I do not yet know what where we will be stationed nor when we will be moving but we do know that it will be outside of Pennsylvania and very soon.

Please add my resignation as the last item of the agenda for Borough Council to approve in a vote at our next meeting on Monday, September 11th.

It has been an honor working with you, President Coffman, and Chief Camacho; as well as Sergeant Morrisette during our six-month police chief transition. The hard work accomplished by all four of you made my job tremendously easier.

Sincerely,

Darren Brown

Mayor of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania