

Lower Township Council Honors Retiring Police Chief

VILLAS – Lower Township Council said farewell to Police Chief Brian Marker who retires July 1 acknowledging his commitment to working with community members.

At a June 17 council meeting, Mayor Michael Beck noted Marker was a lifelong resident of the township and a second-generation police officer.

Earlier in his career, Marker was the township’s first school resource officer and worked in a newly-created community policing unit.

“Probably more than anything is your relationship with our citizens that I would consider to be the hallmark of your career,” said Beck.

He said Marker understood the important role the public plays in helping to keep the township safe. Beck cited the chief’s increased cooperation with the county Prosecutor’s Office to fight substance abuse in the township.

“We have nothing but the best to say for you,” said Beck, as he presented plaques to the chief.

Marker said he worked with township councils for the past 27 years of his police career to solve problems and to try to make the community a better place to live.

“I really think we made a difference,” he said.

Marker said he was grateful for the many blessings in his life including his career. He said he was proud of his fellow police officers.

Captain William Mastriana will be sworn as chief of police during council’s July 1 meeting.

(Photo caption: from left: Chief Brian Marker, Councilman James Neville, Mayor Michael Beck, Deputy Mayor Norris Clark)