



HAMPDEN TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

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HAMPDEN GOP STATEMENT ON LOSS OF MEL FINKELSTEIN

Members of the Hampden Township Republican Committee issued the following statement on the loss of Hampden Township Commissioner Melvyn “Mel” Finkelstein.

Nate Silcox, Committee Chairman stated, “For 31 years, Mel served Hampden Township on the Board of Commissioners. He helped the Township grow from a rural area to one of the Harrisburg area’s most prosperous communities. We will be forever grateful for his service. Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife Jane and their family.”

State Representative Glen Grell stated, “Mel’s length of service was a testament to his devotion to Hampden Township, which was nothing short of remarkable.”

Township Commissioner Al Bienstock stated, “Mel served the people of Hampden Township for over three decades. He was a quiet leader who had a wealth of institutional knowledge and exercised great reason in reaching conclusions. He will be missed not only for his contributions to the Township but for his kindness to all.”

Commissioner Ken Fetrow stated, “Mel was a great person. He and I went way back to the early 70’s when he was the Police Commissioner and I was Chief of Police. While he gave us the latitude to do our job, he was always tuned into the needs of our officers – helping us with new equipment, facilities and an increase in manpower.”

Commissioner Don McCallin stated, “Mel was a bedrock in municipal governance. He was a quiet leader and thorough in balancing the needs of our growing population. He will surely be missed.”

Commissioner John Thomas stated, “Mel was a friend for over thirty years when we first came into office together. He was easy going and honest. He was a reliable public servant – a stalwart – always wanting to do the right thing. He loved his wife and girls. We’re going to miss him.”

Mel served as a Hampden Township Commissioner since 1978. He was Chairman of the Board, the Police Commissioner and liaison to the Planning Commission. In November, he was re-elected to a new 4-year term. He and his wife Jane also served as Cumberland County Republican Committee members.

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