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Telford, PA 18969

November 5, 2009

Salford Township Board of Supervisors  
C/O Karen Landis, Secretary  
139 Ridge Rd  
Tylersport, PA

In Re: Resignation

Dear Ms. Landis:

I hereby inform the Township that effective at the conclusion of the November 5, 2009 Township Supervisors meeting, I resign the office of Township Supervisor.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Loughery

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### **Salford Supervisor - Resignation Statement**

When I was appointed a Supervisor in March of 2007, and subsequently elected later that same year, I had high hopes for Salford and the role that I could play. Having been involved in local government and politics in my early 20's, and having studied government and worked in government I felt I had a great deal to offer. I came only with the desire to be of service to my community.

Never did I imagine that things would transpire as they have. From the outset I have been pulled between two sides in some "Grand Conflict" neither side of which I felt comfortable in. Both sides command unbridled loyalty to their cause. Behind the scenes my attempts at compromise have consistently failed. I have wondered for some time why God inspired me to this service and what my purpose has been here. In time the answers to these questions may come.

This situation has been very challenging and has taken a toll on me. Being called an idiot, a liar, insane, incompetent, and the like, is more than I bargained for. As long as I could be a contributor for the common good I felt it was my duty to stick with it. However I now believe it is time for me to move on. I wish to return to life in Salford as a private citizen. I wish to surround myself with caring people.

Last year, at a Township meeting I was accused of having a "Norman Rockwell" view of life. The comment was meant as an insult, but I received it as confirmation that I had not been changed by the constant conflict. For you see I do have a Norman Rockwell view of our Country and community, what it once was, and can be, when we all work together and not constantly against one or two among us. I embrace the "united we stand - divided we fall" philosophy of my Grandparents generation, often called the "Greatest Generation of Americans". They understood the principles of tolerance, forgiveness, "love thy neighbor" and "do unto others". Following these same precepts I now leave and I forgive those who have disparaged me publicly.

I am grateful for the confidence the voters placed in me when they elected me in 2007. I am grateful to Don Lodge and Larry Anderson, who deemed me worthy of this office when they appointed me to it earlier that same year upon the passing of their longtime colleague Bob Rohland.

Finally, I wish the best for Salford Township and its people.

Thank You.