

## Newly elected supervisor joins board early

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The Amity Township Board of Supervisors has a new member.

The board this week accepted the resignation of Richard L. Gokey, whose term would have expired Dec. 31, and immediately filled the vacancy by swearing in Terry Jones of Douglassville, who was elected to a term that begins Jan. 1

Gokey had been a supervisor since 2002 and previously served on the planning commission.

Gokey, who did not attend the meeting, resigned because he was working out of the area.

The supervisors refused to agree to a delay of a pending lawsuit filed by Keith Dixon and Heather Merritt-Dixon of Old Airport Road, Douglassville.

The couple are seeking a ruling in Berks County Court that their septic system is not subject to the state laws that are the foundation of the township's sewer management ordinance.

The couple have refused to allow the township's sewer inspector to inspect their system as required.

They were seeking the delay, called a stay, because they also have a legal action pending against the county prothonotary, officials said, and wanted to be able to focus on it.

The board also:

Budgeted \$1,500 to buy new fire police uniforms, a move police Chief Kent Schuebrook said would be a show of appreciation.

Approved the posting of signs closing Monocacy Hill for deer season and the installation of seven streetlights on Farm View Court, Pleasant View Drive and Timberline Drive in the Woods Edge development.

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