
From: Bettina Bieri (Bieri@WestMilford.org)
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 8:36 AM
To: Antoinette Battaglia (TwpAdministrator@WestMilford.org)
Subject: resignation

Good Morning Antoinette,

As you know, in June I publicly announced that I will be joining my entire family, all of whom will be relocating to one particular town in South Carolina. I will also be a grandma before the end of the year! At that time, I promised my constituents that I would remain in office and serve as their Mayor until the last possible moment.

I am literally driving South this morning, and as such, do hereby submit my formal letter of resignation as Mayor of West Milford Township. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as Mayor for the past nearly eleven years. The overwhelming public support throughout these years gave me the strength to face the many challenges and to focus on representing my constituents at all times with professionalism, civility, integrity, prudent decision-making and sound policies.

We have faced those challenges together and made significant improvements. Together we have built a more efficient government and a better township. I can't thank you enough for your dedication to the township, your strength of character, your vast knowledge, and your guidance throughout these years.

Wishing you, the staff, the residents and the entire township only the best!

Sincerely,

Bettina Bieri
Mayor
West Milford Township



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August 27, 2018

Via email: walterd@passaiccountynj.org

Walter J. Davison, Acting Passaic County Clerk
Administration Building
401 Grand Street
Paterson, NJ 07505

Dear Mr. Davison,

Attached hereto please find a letter of resignation from the Honorable Mayor Bettina Bieri which this office received this morning. As the Municipal Clerk of the Township of West Milford this letter serves as notification to the County Clerk that a vacancy of the Mayor position in the Township of West Milford is effective August 27, 2018.

Because the Mayor vacated the office prior to September 1, the unexpired term will be up for consideration at the November General Election.

Sincerely,

Antoinette Battaglia

Township Clerk

cc: CarlLa Horton & Kathleen Caren, West Milford Democratic County Committee Chairpersons
Michele Dale, West Milford Republican County Committee Chairperson
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Carlla Horton, Co-Chairperson
Democratic County Committee
132 Bearfort Road
West Milford, NJ 07480
Via email: chorton@hopesdoorny.org

Kathleen Caren, Co-Chairperson
Democratic County Committee
16 Quince Tree Lane
West Milford, NJ 07480
Via email: kathleen.caren@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Horton and Ms. Caren:

Attached hereto please find a letter of resignation from the Honorable Mayor Bettina Bieri which this office received this morning. As the Municipal Clerk of the Township of West Milford this letter serves as notification to the Democratic County Committee that a vacancy of the Mayor position in the Township of West Milford is effective August 27, 2018.

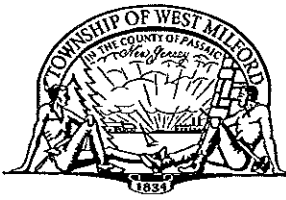
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-5(a) and (b) and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-131 in the event that the Mayor's office becomes vacant before September 1, the law provides that the Governing Body shall have an option, (1) to have the highest ranking official, in this case the Council President serve as the Acting Mayor, or (2) fill that vacancy by way of the political party nomination process as set forth pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11. That's where within 15 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, 3 names from the Democratic Party, would be submitted to the Council to consider filling the vacancy. The Governing Body would have 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy to appoint one of the nominees as the successor.

If the Democratic County Committee selects three candidates prior to September 5, 2018 it may be of benefit to have those candidates attend the scheduled September 5th Governing Body meeting. The Governing Body can then make their decision which option above to go in.

For a Democratic candidate for Mayor to appear on the November ballot to seek election to the unexpired term, a statement of selection shall be filed by the Democratic County Committee with the Passaic County Clerk not later than the close of business of the 55th day preceding the date of the General Election as calculated before 4:00 p.m. on September 12, 2018.

Sincerely,
Antoinette Battaglia
Township Clerk

c: West Milford Township Council
Fred Semrau, Esq., Township Attorney
Mr. Walter Davidson, Acting Passaic County Clerk
Michele Dale, West Milford Republican County Committee Chairperson
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Michele Dale, Chairperson
Republican County Committee
29 Delmont Road
Hewitt, NJ 07421

Via email: madale0917@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Dale:

Attached hereto please find a letter of resignation from the Honorable Mayor Bettina Bieri which this office received this morning. As the Municipal Clerk of the Township of West Milford this letter serves as notification to the Republican County Committee that a vacancy of the Mayor's position in the Township of West Milford is effective August 27, 2018.

For a Republican candidate for Mayor to appear on the November ballot to seek election to the unexpired term, a statement of selection shall be filed by the Republican County Committee with the Passaic County Clerk not later than the close of business of the 55th day preceding the date of the General Election as calculated before 4:00 p.m. on September 12, 2018.

Sincerely,

Antoinette Battaglia
Township Clerk

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