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Orland Township Announces New Leadership Team and Celebrates Outgoing Officials

Orland Park, IL (May 6, 2025) – Orland Township announces the May 19, 2025 induction of its newly elected officials and recognizes the dedicated service of outgoing township leaders. As the community looks forward to a new era of leadership, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each official for their unwavering commitment to the residents of Orland Township.

We congratulate incumbent Orland Township Supervisor **Paul O’Grady** on his reelection as he begins his 5th term as Supervisor.

“As we embark on this new chapter for Orland Township, I am committed to fostering an environment of collaboration and innovation. Together with the newly formed team, we will listen to residents, address their needs, and build on the already strong foundation,” said O’Grady. “The future is bright for Orland Township, and I am honored to lead us forward.”

With great anticipation, we welcome **Trustees Lena Matariyeh, Kenneth Duffy, Kenneth Soltis,** and **Frank Williams**, as well as **Shannon Olson** as Township Clerk. This new council represents a diverse array of experiences and insights that will guide Orland Township into the future.

Trustee-elect Lena Matariyeh has had the privilege of connecting with residents throughout the community for many years.

“I’ve always admired the incredible resources offered by the Township,” said Matariyeh. “Now, as Trustee, I’m excited to help build on that foundation to make our Township even more accessible, supportive and united.”

Trustee-elect Kenneth Duffy brings with him a desire to address fiscal responsibility and connect with all community members in the Township.

“I look forward to meeting and working together with the diverse Orland Township community,” said Duffy, who plans to host cultural and interfaith events and programs.

“Our tax dollars for the Township are minimal in comparison to our overall real estate tax bill. That makes it crucial that each dollar is spent wisely. There is so much more we can do in the way of services and maintenance without overspending.”

Trustee-elect Kenneth Soltis brings extensive experience from the professional world of corporate real estate.

“I am honored to have been elected Trustee of Orland Township and am committed to fostering development and addressing the needs of the Township’s citizens,” said Soltis.

Trustee-elect Frank Williams hopes to lower the taxpayer burden for Orland Township residents.

"Wise spending and investment that also allows services to continue. At the end of the day, we're called to serve, not for thanks or praise, but for the sake of finding satisfaction from how well we serve," said Williams.

Clerk-elect Shannon Olson aims to bring increased transparency to the Township.

"Transparency and fiscal responsibility are important issues. I plan to accurately report on all township meetings and publish the minutes to the website in a timely manner," said Olson.

Honoring Outgoing Officials

The Township bids farewell to the following elected officials and thanks them for their many years of dedicated service to the residents of Orland Township:

- **Trustee Patrick Feldner**, Chair of Health Services (2009–2025)

"It has been a true honor to serve my community over the past 16 years," said Feldner. "From supporting our health services to improving accessibility for our residents, I am proud of the advancements we've made together."

- **Trustee John Lynch**, Chairman of Finance (2015–2025)

"Using my knowledge from the construction industry, I was able to contribute to the development of key projects like the food pantry, the renovation of the north parking lot, park upgrades, and the recent build-out for the Secretary of State office here in Orland Park. I take pride in being part of a dedicated team that ensured this vital service remained in our community."

- **Trustee Maria Sanfilippo**, Chair of Senior Services (2010–2025)

"It has been a privilege to advocate for our senior population, and I feel fulfilled knowing we have made significant strides in enhancing their quality of life through programs and community connection."

- **Trustee Michael Maratea** (2021–2025)

"As Chairman of Youth and Family Services, I focused on initiatives that equipped our youth with opportunities to contribute to our community. This work, from improving youth services to creating community service opportunities, has shaped my time here."

- **Cindy Murray**, Township Clerk (2009–2025)

- **Rich Kelly**, Township Assessor (2005–2025)

Both Murray and Kelly leave behind a legacy of professionalism and dedication that has set a high standard for the future.

“This new leadership team is poised to enhance the services we offer to our residents. Together we will work to ensure that Orland Township remains a thriving community,” said O’Grady.

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