November 13, 2024

Attention: Bonnie Arnone, Borough Manager
Forty Fort Borough Council
Forty Fort, PA 18704

Dear Bonnie and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my interest in being reappointed to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Board, where I have proudly served for the past 14 years. My tenure has been dedicated to advancing our mission, improving transparency, and fostering an environment that promotes operational excellence and community trust.

Serving as First Assistant Secretary, and member of the Executive Committee. I have actively participated in essential decision-making processes. My role as Chairman of the Operations and Infrastructure and Public Relations Committees and as a member of several other committees, including Stormwater, Finance, and Industrial Waste has equipped me with a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted challenges and opportunities we face.

During my time on the board, we have achieved significant milestones in stormwater management, leading to historic first-time improvements to the Upper Chesapeake Bay. This success has been recognized with prestigious awards, including the 2022 American Water Resources Association Award and the 2018 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence. These acknowledgments reflect our efforts to establish one of the first and most effective Regional Stormwater Authorities in the state.

Our team's work in expanding community partnerships and advocating for environmental responsibility has also helped WVSA maintain competitive rates, benefiting ratepayers directly. Projects like the riparian buffer, walking trail and pollinator garden in Forty Fort exemplify our commitment to both ecological improvement and community enrichment.

Additionally, my role as Region 3 Director of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association has allowed me to champion our interests at the state level. I have actively engaged in advocating for fair regulations, such as opposing predatory pricing by private utilities under Act 12 and supporting transparent public disclosures in acquisition processes.

If reappointed, I am eager to continue building on these foundations. My vision remains centered on upholding the integrity, transparency, and innovation that have strengthened our organization's reputation and service to the community.

Thank you for considering my request for reappointment. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to further contribute to WVSA's mission and to serve our ratepayers with dedication and integrity.

Warm regards,

Jeff McLauglin