



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14

SCHWENKSVILLE BOROUGH  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

A RESOLUTION AWARDING **Harry Phillips and Gail Phillips** THE 2021 MAYOR'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

**WHEREAS**, the success and prosperity of Schwenksville Borough and its residents depend on the work and contributions of dedicated citizen volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, Schwenksville Borough wishes to encourage and promote community service and good citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of Schwenksville wishes to recognize individuals who serve as a role model for compassion and service and who continuously strive to improve the quality of life for all Schwenksville residents as well as helping those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Schwenksville Borough Council established **THE MAYOR'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** to recognize volunteers who exhibit such a strong passion for community service and compassion for others that recognition is warranted and deserved:

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Joseph Giunta has selected **Harry Phillips and Gail L. Phillips** as the 2021 Co-Recipients of "THE MAYOR'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD" for exemplary citizenship and humanitarianism:

Everyone knows that Harry and Gail Phillips are a packaged deal. They support each other and their family members in every way possible: loyalty, confidentiality, dependability, compassion, advocacy, and a willingness to do whatever it takes to improve, assist or problem solve for their family, friends, and community, are the values and attitude they exemplify at home, at work and in their community.

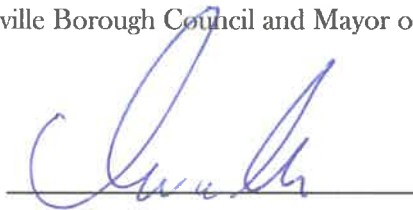
Harry has been a dedicated member of the community service organization **Washington Camp 387 of the Patriotic Order Sons of America (POSoFA)** since September of 2004 where he has served as President, Vice President and Chaplain. He is a member of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. He aids and assists Camp 387 with the placement and removal of the American Flags throughout Schwenksville Borough, lowers the flags to half staff when needed at Meadow Park, Borough Hall and the Camp Hall at 395 Main Street

and he empties the flag boxes and participates in the ceremonial Flag Day retirement ritual. Harry has also been a dependable member of the Schwenksville Zoning Hearing Board since 2008; attending hearings and looking out for the best interests of the whole borough. Harry is also the first to volunteer to help, for example, when the Borough needed help boxing up the contents of the Fire Company Kitchen before renovations and unpacking them afterwards. A former Sunday School Teacher and Youth Group Leader, perhaps his most important community service is assisting and supporting his wife, Gail Phillips.

Gail has worked for Schwenksville Borough since 2000, first as a Crossing Guard at Schwenksville Elementary School and later in 2004 as the Borough Secretary-Treasurer. Even after Gail turned in her stop sign and whistle, she continued to fill in for the new crossing guards during illness, vacations, or vacancies. As Gail says, "the kids come first". In addition to her professional duties as Borough Secretary-Treasurer, Gail serves the Borough as a volunteer member of the Activities Committee, taking on increased responsibilities and becoming Co-Chair of the past few Community Day celebrations and helping to organize and run the *Music in the Meadow* series. Gail also volunteers for the Park and Recreation Board, helping to weed, plant trees, water trees and organize additional volunteers. As Borough Secretary, Gail also serves as the receptionist and is the first point of contact with the public. She takes pride in helping people complete applications and fill out forms, even when the forms are not for Borough business. People consistently request Gail personally when seeking assistance because they trust her to help them any way she can.

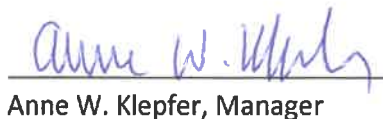
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that Harry and Gail L. Phillips are hereby awarded **THE MAYOR'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**.

**RESOLVED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021 by the Schwenksville Borough Council and Mayor of Schwenksville.



Darren W. Rash, Council President

ATTEST:



Anne W. Klepfer, Manager



Joseph Giunta, Mayor