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Monroe Appoints Leonard Baskin to Vacant Council Seat

MONROE – At the July 5 Township Council meeting, members unanimously appointed resident Leonard Baskin to fill the vacant Ward 2 seat of departing Councilman Blaise Dipierro, who has retired and moved to Florida.

Baskin, a resident of the Stonebridge active adult community, was one of three nominations put forth by the Monroe Township Democratic Organization.

“This was the right choice for the Township at this time,” said Monroe Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. “We expect Councilman Baskin will bring a combination of his scientific expertise and thorough knowledge of the community to benefit all Monroe residents.”

Baskin hails from an academic and scientific research background, receiving his undergraduate degree in chemistry at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. and later, earned his doctorate in biochemistry from John Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Among his many professional roles, Baskin taught at Stevens Institute of Technology, and conducted medical research at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and the Veterans Assistance Medical Center in Brooklyn.

Today, he keeps busy as a substitute teacher and science tutor.

As one of the founding members and president of The Friends of the Monroe Community Garden, Baskin remains an anchor for the expansive operation.

During his long-spanning record of public service, Baskin has been a member of the Monroe Shade Tree Commission and Mayor’s Senior Advisory Committee, East Windsor’s Planning Board and Parsippany’s Safety Committee and Citizens Advisory Council.

Following his appointment, Baskin praised the Township for its fiscal management, its record on safety, as well the administration and Council’s cooperative role within the community.

“I can attest from personal experience, as president of The Friends of the Monroe Township Community Garden, to the way the Township administration responds to resident requests and proposals after due diligence,” Baskin said at the meeting. “The success of the garden, in such a short time, with over 150 gardeners speaks for itself.”

Baskin will serve out the unexpired 2017 term for Dipierro, and run for the Council’s Ward 2 full four-year term this November.

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