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New member appointed to Stroudsburg council



Robert Llopis (right) is sworn in as a Stroudsburg Borough Council member by council Vice President Erica McCabe after being appointed on Aug. 18. MAX AUGUGLIARO/POCONO RECORD

Robert Llopis replaces Joseph Shay after 4-2 vote

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A new member has been appointed to Stroudsburg Borough Council.

On Aug. 18, Stroudsburg Borough Council appointed Robert Llopis as its newest member in a 4-2 vote. Council Vice President Erica McCabe and President Pro-Tem J. Zac Christman voted against appointing him. Llopis will serve the rest of a two-year term ending Dec. 31, 2027.

Llopis replaces Joseph Shay, whose resignation was accepted by council

during the July 21 meeting.

Six other candidates also vied for the vacated seat. They were Michelle Riegel, Michael Schroder, Bill Cullen, Jessica Delfino, Anthony Lanfrank and Antoinette Masula.

Llopis said, during remarks he gave before being appointed, that he moved to Stroudsburg in June 2023 from New York City. Prior to that, he and his family have been tourists to the area since 2018 and “fell in love with the environment, energy, and feel of Stroudsburg.”

“In 2021, after watching countless Hallmark movies with my family throughout the years, I told them we

would own a house in a beautiful Hallmark town one day,” said Llopis. “Today, although we still have 27 more years of mortgage payments to go, we now live in an amazing home in beautiful Stroudsburg Borough.”

Llopis also said he has volunteered with Stroudsburg Fire Company for close to three years, and is the constable for Stroudsburg’s 3rd Ward. He added that he believes that speaking positively, and looking for good in all things, will attract positive energy and make what is impossible possible. He

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DeVries faces DUI charge after crash

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A Stroudsburg Area School District board member was arrested on suspicion of DUI in Middle Smithfield Township.

Marilyn G. DeVries, 69, of Stroudsburg, was arrested after she was involved in a crash with another vehicle in Middle Smithfield Township on Feb. 28.

According to the criminal complaint against DeVries, Pennsylvania State Police troopers were dispatched to the intersection of Milford Road and Sellersville Drive in Middle Smithfield Township shortly after 11 p.m. on the report of a motor vehicle crash.

When troopers arrived at the scene, the vehicles involved moved to a nearby Taco Bell parking lot. When speaking with DeVries, complaint affiant Trooper Michael Orobello said he could smell alcohol coming from her. During field sobriety tests, DeVries exhibited indicators of impairment. Orobello also gave DeVries a preliminary breath test which, he wrote, resulted in a positive test for the presence of alcohol.

The complaint did not provide full details of the crash. However, the section of the complaint listing the charges she is accused of says that DeVries “traveled into the oncoming turning lane” and “failed to maintain a single lane” and that these actions resulted in a crash.

After she was arrested, DeVries consented to a blood sample draw at the Monroe County Correctional Facility. The toxicology report for her blood sample, which was completed by the Harrisburg Regional Laboratory, showed that DeVries had a blood alcohol content of 0.166%.

DeVries was charged with open count misdemeanors of DUI with highest rate of alcohol first offense and DUI first offense, and three citations for careless driving, improper right turn and disregarding traffic lane.

She waived her charges for the Monroe County Court of Common Pleas during her Aug. 19 preliminary hearing in front of Magisterial District Judge Jamie Levy.

DeVries has a formal arraignment on Oct. 9 in front of Monroe County Court of Common Pleas Judge Janet Jackson.

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Tribute for Pearl Harbor sailor may be set aside

Reports say aircraft carrier could bear Trump’s name

Michael Loria
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U.S. Navy officials may name a new aircraft carrier after President Donald Trump instead of a World War II sailor who heroically saved lives when Pearl

Harbor was bombed, CNN and NBC News reported Aug. 20.

The reported move by the Navy to name the carrier, now called CVN-81, comes amid a decades-long push to recognize Doris Miller, an enlisted Black sailor who was a mess attendant second

class aboard the battleship USS West Virginia when bombs began falling Dec. 7, 1941.

Miller, who had been gathering laundry that morning, rushed to the smoking deck and took control of an anti-aircraft gun he had no training on and opened fire on Japanese planes, downing at least one of them. He also helped

carry wounded sailors to safety.

Miller was famously portrayed by Cuba Gooding Jr. in the 2001 film “Pearl Harbor.” During Trump’s first term, the Navy announced that the Ford-class carrier would be called the USS Doris Miller.

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