

## **Press Release**

North Cornwall Township does not usually comment on personnel matters. However, in view of the public interest in recent events, it will provide these comments.

Police Officer Joseph Fischer remains on unpaid suspension as required by the Pennsylvania Confidence in Law Enforcement Act. The Township will continue to monitor developments in the case brought by the United States against Mr. Fischer. There are no further updates regarding Officer Fischer at this time and the Township has no further comment.

Chief John Leahy has voluntarily elected to resign his employment with North Cornwall Township. As with Officer Fischer, the Township has no further comment.

As it has previously indicated, the Township recognizes each citizen's right of free speech and association as well as his or her right to a presumption of innocence regarding any pending criminal charges. The Township also expects all citizens to understand that the exercise of the right of free speech and the right to association comes with a responsibility to accept the consequences of one's actions.

Neither the Township nor any officer or employee endorses, accepts or condones any alleged participation in a crime against the United States nor any act committed by any individual who may have illegally breached the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.

The North Cornwall Township and its Police Department is dedicated to the proposition that they are responsible for the health, safety and welfare of the residents which they are sworn to protect. The Board of Township Supervisors wishes to express its gratitude to its residents as it works to ensure that all appropriate questions are asked and measures undertaken to protect the continuing professionalism of the Police Department.

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