

June 16, 2020

David Calabria, President
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Board Members:

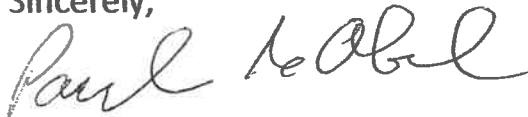
For the past 50 years, in the U.S. Marine Corps and later as a Scott Township Police Officer, I served in a diverse population and a person's race, religion or orientation was never an issue.

At the end of the long and stressful meeting on June 9, 2020, I made a sarcastic remark and it clearly backfired. I sincerely regret the comment I made. It was insensitive, but it was not an attack on gender identity and there was no hatred or malice behind it.

Residents took to social media to voice their opinions and vent their anger. That is their right, but others chose to knock on my door and call my house day and night. If I was the only one affected by this, I would hang in there and get on with township business, but I cannot stand by and have my family subjected to that type of anger and harassment.

It was a difficult decision, but I am resigning from my position as 6th Ward Commissioner effective immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul G. Abel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "A".

Paul G. Abel