

# Brendan Murphy sworn in as PVSC Commissioner

John J. Cosgrove, of Fair Lawn, was sworn in on May 16 as a member of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission's (PVSC) Board of Commissioners. Hector C. Lora, of Passaic, and Brendan Murphy, of Totowa, were then sworn in as members of Board on June 13. All three were nominated by Governor Phil Murphy and confirmed by the New Jersey Senate.

They join Chairman Thomas Tucci, Jr., Vice Chairman Luis Quintana, Elizabeth Calabrese, Mildred C. Crump, James P. Doran and Joseph F. Isola on PVSC's Board of Commissioners.

Cosgrove served as Mayor of Fair Lawn for five consecutive terms and now serves as the borough's Deputy Mayor for Community Affairs. Since 2005, he has served as President of Atlantic Handling Systems (AHS) in Fair Lawn. AHS designs, sells, installs and services conveyor and storage systems. Since 2017, Lora has served as Mayor of the City of Passaic. He was previously elected to two terms as a Passaic County Freeholder, serving as the Director of the Board in his second term. Prior to that, he was a City of Passaic Councilman. He spent 14 years with St. Mary's Hospital in Passaic, holding various leadership positions.

Murphy has served as a Totowa Councilman and as the Chairman of Totowa's Public Works and Public Safety Committees. He is an accountant for Lerch,



Brendan Murphy's swearing in ceremony in May. PHOTO COURTESY OF PVSC

Vinci & Higgins in Fair Lawn. He is also part owner of Murph's Tavern in Totowa.

"I am extremely pleased that these three gentlemen have been appointed to our outstanding Board of Commissioners," said PVSC Chairman Thomas Tucci, Jr. "As experienced municipal leaders and successful professionals, they have consistently demonstrated

strong, forward-minded leadership. I know they will make an extremely positive impact on the agency as we continue to plan for the future, while remaining responsive to our contributing municipalities and rate-payers. I am looking forward to working with all three of them."

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## American Legion Auxiliary celebrates Americanism essay contest winners

The WP American Legion Auxiliary Unit 238 Americanism essay contest winners for 2019 were celebrated on June 14. The following students are the winners at the unit level.

Third grade: Mayalyn Godinez. Honorable mentions: Addison Pier and Jayda Blucher.

Fifth grade: Amy Moya. Honorable mentions: Jillian Troiano, Jessica Nuestro, Nephtali Nemorin, Gracyn Roehrich, and Athena Galinda.

Sixth grade: Ronnie Costello. Honorable mention: Hala Ahmed.

Seventh grade: Liana Thompson and Yastika Singh. Honorable mentions: Scott Nayda and Montana Moraktan.

High school: 10th grade, Carmine Coscia.

Winning essays have advanced to compete with others from throughout Passaic County. All county winners will then move on for consideration on the New Jersey State Level.