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## **Kennett Township Initiates Civil Action Against Former Manager**

**Kennett Township** \_ Kennett Township has formally initiated a civil action against former Township Manager Lisa Moore and significant other, Brian Gore. Moore was charged in December 2019 by the Chester County District Attorney's Office with embezzling \$3.2 million in taxpayer funds.

The Board of Supervisors has provided updates at every public meeting about the recovery processes, covering an array of options surrounding insurance and needing direction from the District Attorney's Office. Chairman of the Board, Dr. Richard Leff, has stressed, "In terms of recovery the Township is exploring all options to recover as much money as possible; however, the first stop remains the former manager."

Notably, the action includes Moore's longtime significant other. According to a December 10, 2019 press release from former District Attorney Tom Hogan, Moore created a phony marriage to defraud the Township, resulting in medical benefits for Gore in excess of \$50,000.

Vice Chair Whitney Hoffman noted, "Despite the many hurdles this process has presented, the Board remains committed to recovering every dollar, and it is wholly appropriate for Moore and Gore to make the Township taxpayers whole."

Supervisor Scudder Stevens added that the Township remains aggressive in its recovery efforts, giving praise to the recovery specialist working for the Township, former Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Poluka and his team at Blank Rome LLP.

The next Supervisors meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, via zoom. Meeting details are available at <https://www.kennett.pa.us/Calendar.aspx?EID=175>

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