



Maria DiGiovanni, Mayor, Town of Hackettstown

Maria DiGiovanni is currently serving in her third term as Mayor of Hackettstown; elected in 2011 and re-elected in 2014 and 2017. She also served six years on the Town Council from 2006–2011 and was also a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for several years. She is the second woman Mayor in the Town's 166-year history. Mayor DiGiovanni has had many speaking engagements where she speaks about economic development for towns as well as being a woman Mayor in New Jersey.

In 2017, the Town of Hackettstown became totally debt free, whereas the Town utilizes a capital improvement fund to pay for project, equipment, etc., creating no bonding.

Hackettstown is a strong Mayor/Council form of government; therefore, as Mayor she is the CEO of the Town and responsible for the Town's budget and oversees every Town department and its employees, she presides over the Town Council meetings as well.

The second-largest town in Warren County, Hackettstown is 3.5-square-miles, with approximately 10,000 people. It is also home to Mars Wrigley Confectionary (formally Mars Chocolate, NA), Centenary University, and Hackettstown Medical Center.

Professionally, Mayor DiGiovanni has been a banker for over 30 years; working in various banking institutions within the industry. She spent 24 years at Skylands Community Bank, NKA Fulton Bank of NJ. Currently, she is a VP/Commercial Portfolio Manager at First Hope Bank in Hackettstown, where she is responsible for an approximate \$25M portfolio.

In addition to municipal involvement, she is a member of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, as well as a member of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors Legislative Committee. Community service includes; the Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center Board Member and a member of the Hackettstown Rotary Club.

Mayor DiGiovanni is married to Dr. Phil Linfante, has two grown children, three grandsons, and one granddaughter.