



Bob McMahon (c) was sworn in as Media's new mayor last week. The oath of office was administered by Lima District Justice James Nilon (l). Thacher Longstreth, a well-known member of Philadelphia City Council and a friend of McMahon's held the Bible during the ceremony.

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Media Democratic Council Member Robert McMahon has become mayor of the borough.

He was sworn in by Lima District Justice James Nilon at last week's council caucus meeting as Philadelphia City Council member and longtime friend Thacher Longstreth held the Bible.

Republicans Lewis (Jumbo) Johnson and William Tyson nominated and voted for architect Don Bak, who lost to Daly in the race for mayor in November, 1989.

The Republicans will have their next opportunity to elect a mayor in two years when Daly's term would have ended. But they will have to oust McMahon.

"As of now I intend to run," McMahon said. "I wouldn't have taken the job for just one year and ten months."

A member of borough council since 1981, except for a lapse of some six months at the beginning of 1988, McMahon has served as chairperson of the public safety and emergency management committees, and also headed

McMahon, 49, succeeds Frank Daly, who relinquished the position he had held for ten years last month. Daly is challenging John Innelli for the Democratic nomination for the 7th District congressional seat held by Republican Curt Weldon.

"I am anxious to get to work," McMahon said. "It's going to be tough to duplicate what Frank (Daly) has done

the borough's emergency management team.

Last year he organized parades in Delaware County and Philadelphia on behalf of Vietnam veterans groups to honor troops who had served in the Persian Gulf War.

McMahon served in the Vietnam War as a lieutenant with an infantry unit. He was awarded a Bronze Star and two air medals.

A 1965 graduate of St. Joseph's University, McMahon is an investment advisor with the brokerage firm of Smith Barney. He is an avid sports person, and has authored two editions of a survey of sports book, "Who Are the Best."

A replacement for McMahon on borough council will be selected next month at either the caucus or regular meeting, based

during his 10 years as mayor."

McMahon won the post in a 4-2 party-line vote at the advertised caucus meeting, beating the 30-day deadline imposed by the borough code for filling the vacancy.

He won support from fellow Democrats Joan Hagan, council president; Barry Sherwin, Edward Johnson and Susan Murray.

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on a determination by the borough solicitor when the 30-day deadline occurs.

Longstreth, 71, a well-known political figure in Philadelphia, has begun his fourth four-year term on City Council. He first met McMahon, then a Republican, 20 years ago when he was considering making a run for a U.S. Senate seat.

His attire for last week's swearing in ceremony featured his trademark bow tie and handknit argyle socks.