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TOWN OF PERINTON ESTABLISHES COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE A PERMANENT MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF PERINTON RESIDENT & RPD OFFICER ANTHONY "TONY" MAZURKIEWICZ

Twelve Member Committee includes the Mazurkiewicz Family, Law Enforcement, Community Members, and Town Officials.

Supervisor Ciaran Hanna today announced that the Town of Perinton has established a committee for a permanent memorial in honor of Rochester Police Department (RPD) Officer and long-time Perinton resident Anthony (Tony) Mazurkiewicz. Recently, Hanna and Town Board Members Dave Belaskas, Seana Sartori, Meredith Stockman-Broadbent, and Alex Winner voted unanimously to establish the committee and appoint its members. The committee is tasked with exploring options regarding a permanent memorial in the Town of Perinton and making recommendations for the location and concept to the Town Board.

"Our community displayed an outpouring of community support and compassion following this tragedy, and it is our wish to establish a permanent memorial in the Town of Perinton to honor Tony's life, memory, and service," said **Hanna**. "Tony's unwavering sense of duty and dedication is tied into the very fabric of our community, and a permanent memorial will help ensure his legacy lives on for generations to come."

Tony Mazurkiewicz, a Perinton resident and 29-year veteran of the Rochester Police Department, honorably served the Rochester Police Department from April 12, 1993, until July 21, 2022, when he and his partner, Officer Sino Seng, were shot on Bauman Street in the City of Rochester. Officer Mazurkiewicz was transported to Strong Hospital, where despite heroic efforts, he passed away. He was married to his wife, Lynn, for 28 years and the proud father of four children and three grandchildren. Lynn is a staff member in the Town of Perinton Parks Department.

"Perinton is the place Tony and I married, where we raised our four children and proudly called home for almost 30 years. The love and support my children, Brooks, Bradley, Brent, Bryce, and I, have received from the community we love so much has been nothing short of amazing. We are truly honored that Tony's memory will be preserved in the community we have called home," said **Lynn Mazurkiewicz**.

The committee consists of twelve members: Lynn Mazurkiewicz and a member of the Mazurkiewicz family, Town Supervisor Ciaran Hanna, Perinton Town Board Member Seana Sartori, RPD Investigator and County Legislator Paul Dondorfer, Monroe County Sheriff's Office Investigator Leah Larocque, Retired RPD Officer Antonio Jorge, Fairport Perinton Partnership Director Nancy Ragus, former Perinton Town Board member Peg Havens, and Perinton residents Brian Peets, Brian Reed, and Bob Cantwell.