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Lantz becomes seventh Town employee to graduate from public manager program

Another Town of Zionsville employee has been recognized as a certified public manager after graduating from the Indiana Certified Public Manager (CPM) Program through the Bowen Center for Public Affairs at Ball State University. Lance Lantz, Street & Stormwater Department Superintendent, graduated on Feb. 21.

Lantz joins six other Town department heads who have completed certified public manager programs:

- Barry Cook, Superintendent of Wastewater – graduated from Phase I in 2016
- Wayne DeLong, Director of Planning & Economic Development – graduated from Phase I and II in 2016
- Matt Dickey, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation – graduated from the Executive Development Program from Indiana University in 1990
- Chief Robert Knox, Zionsville Police Department – graduated from Phase I and II in 2016
- Ed Mitro, Deputy Mayor – graduated from Phase I in 2015
- Chief James VanGorder, Zionsville Fire Department – graduated from Phase I and II in 2016

The Indiana CPM Program is designed for current and future supervisors and managers employed in public service within government or a non-profit organization. The program is divided into two segments, each consisting of 12 monthly, full-day sessions.

Participants who complete the first phase are designated Certified Public Supervisors while participants who complete both phases receive a nationally recognized designation as a Certified Public Manager.

“The program incorporates aspects of public service that are important in any government agency - leadership, communication skills, networking and more. These skills greatly enhance our team’s ability to serve the Zionsville community and I strongly recommend they participate in the program,” said Zionsville Mayor Tim Haak.

Any Town department head is eligible to apply to participate in the program. According to Mitro, the program involves full-day training programs with extensive coursework, which includes homework.

For Town employees, the benefits range from networking connection to management and supervisory skills.

“The course put a name to a lot of processes we already do, and then expands on the baseline knowledge and shows you how to take what you have been doing and do it better and much more efficiently,” said Lantz.

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