



## **Gonsman Joins Hometown Bank of Pennsylvania as Senior Banking Relationship Officer**

BEDFORD, PA – Hometown Bank of Pennsylvania is proud to welcome James R. Gonsman, Jr. as the newest addition to their staff as the Bank’s Senior Vice President Senior Banking Relationship Officer.

In his new position at Hometown Bank, Mr. Gonsman will be responsible for developing new business relationships, servicing existing relationships and developing an active calling program within the Bedford and Blair County markets. “Jim will be a great asset to the management team of Hometown Bank”, said Elizabeth Manges, President and CEO of Hometown Bank. “His experience in managing and developing Hometown’s commercial loan relationships will be instrumental as the Bank continues to grow.”

Mr. Gonsman brings a banking career spanning over 27 years, most recently as Vice President of Commercial Banking at First National Bank. Before that, Jim was the Senior Vice President of Commercial Lending at The Progress Fund, working with state and federal loan programs, including SBA loan programs. Mr. Gonsman is a graduate of Centre Business School and has received the Commercial Lending Certification from Bucknell University. He received the prestigious 2014 Pennsylvania Business Central Professional of the Year Award. Mr. Gonsman serves as Treasurer of UPMC Bedford Memorial, Board member of Bedford County Development Association and Treasurer of Your Safe Haven. “I am excited about becoming a part of the Hometown Bank team. The Board’s commitment to remaining independent and delivering specialized customer service to meet local business needs are two attributes that I admire and share,” Mr. Gonsman noted.

Hometown Bank of Pennsylvania was organized in 2007 as the only locally owned and managed financial institution in Bedford County. Board of Directors are Merle W. Helsel, Chairman, Don DeArment, Robert Appleby, John Corle, Elizabeth A. Manges, Mark Kelly, Barry Ressler and Todd Roadman. The Bank offers a wide range of financial products and services. The Bank initially opened in 2007 with a branch in Everett and later that same year opened a branch in Bedford. In September 2017, the Bank opened its third branch, which is located in Claysburg. As of its 2016 annual financial statement, the Bank reported assets of \$152 million.

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