

### **First Hope Bank Annual Shareholders Meeting**

Hope, NJ – At the Annual Shareholders Meeting of First Hope Bancorp on May 14, 2019, President and Chief Executive Officer, Donald Somma, addressed the shareholders on a variety of topics including the Bank’s continued financial strength and its dedication to providing vibrant product offerings and enhancements with customer service in mind. Our mission is carried out through our Associates and the products and services we offer our customers. First Hope has remained technologically advanced and focused on developing the community we serve to grow and prosper.

Following initial remarks and department statuses, Shareholders re-elected Daniel G. Beatty and Lewis R. Beatty for additional three-year terms on the Board of Directors.

In recognition of their achievements and contributions, the Board of Directors also approved the advancement of:

**Lewis R. Beatty** will be taking on a new role as First Hope Bank’s Chief Strategy Officer. Lewis has been employed by First Hope Bank since 1999 and has held the position of Chairman of the Board since 2016. Until this change, Lewis Beatty has served as Chief Financial Officer, since 2002. He received his BA degree from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in 1997 and an MBA from Wake Forest University Babcock Graduate School of Management in 1999. He is a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors, he is on the Loan, Trust, Funds Management, and Personnel and Nominating Committees of the Board.

**Daniel Pimentel:** Vice President, Commercial Credit Officer

**Jordan Krom:** Core Systems Analyst

**Mary Ann Eckweiler:** Sr. Support Specialist/Assistant Cashier

**Sarah Kayal:** Registered Representative

**Shannon McClellan:** Assistant Vice President, Senior Closing Coordinator/System Admin

**Steven Lyons:** Assistant Vice President, Investment Executive

First Hope Bank’s foundation is built on the 118 associates within. The values of community and one team, one mission, are engrained in all First Hope Bank Associates and the Bank looks forward to continuing to make a difference by providing financial solutions that help its customers achieve their hopes and dreams while enhancing the growth and prosperity of the Bank and its community.

***About First Hope** - First Hope Bank, established in 1911, is a full-service financial institution with locations in Andover, Blirstown, Great Meadows, Hackettstown, Hope and Sparta. Known for its customer service, financial strength and stability, First Hope Bank also offers the sophisticated range of products and services found in large financial institutions including a comprehensive Wealth Management division. First Hope Bank's associates strive every day to fulfill the Bank's motto, "Turning Hope into Reality". Visit First Hope Bank's Web Site at [www.firsthope.com](http://www.firsthope.com) or email the Bank at [info@firsthope.com](mailto:info@firsthope.com).*