

Freeholder
ROBERT A. GASSER
Member of the Board
Term expires: December 31, 1980



Freeholder Robert A. Gasser, the senior member of the Board of Freeholders, is in the fifth year of his second term. He is an attorney and resides with his family in Island Heights.

Freeholder Gasser received his secondary education in the Toms River school system and was graduated in 1955. He received a scholarship and attended Rutgers University, New Brunswick, and was graduated with a B.A. degree in 1959.

Freeholder Gasser attended Columbia Law School in New York City for a year. He in-

interrupted his studies to accept a Rotary International Foundation Fellowship. He traveled the Far East extensively, visiting Rotary Clubs on goodwill visits as part of his fellowship responsibilities. During this time he attended Hong Kong University, majoring in Chinese studies. Following this, he traveled around the world. He resumed his studies at Columbia University and achieved his LLB degree. In the same month, April 1964, he was admitted to the bar, and married Marilyn T. Vaneck of Clifton. They have two children: Robert Christian, 14, and Jennifer Lynn, 12.

Mr. Gasser entered military service and served a tour of duty with the U.S. Army. He served at the New Jersey Military Academy at Sea Girt, with the New Jersey National Guard, from which he was honorably discharged in 1969 with the rank of Sergeant.

Following his military service, he joined the law offices of Joseph Citta, Toms River. He became a partner in the firm in 1965, and was associated with it for ten years.

In September 1974, he established his own law practice in Manahawkin and has since opened an additional law office in Toms River.

In 1977, George M. Cafarelli, Waretown, joined him in a partnership. His firm represents Little Egg Harbor and Ocean Townships, as well as the Stafford Municipal Utilities Authority.

Mr. Gasser served for two years as Dover Township's first Public Defender. He was the first instructor in the Department of Police Science at Ocean County College where he taught Criminal Justice Constitutional Law from 1967 until 1972.

He was named "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" 1969, by the Toms River Jaycees. It recognized his work in the Big Brothers of Ocean County which concerns itself with young boys and their character development. He is a former member and President of the Board of Directors of Big Brothers. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of Legal Aid and the Ocean County Council of Boy Scouts. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Garden State Bank, Jackson Township; he is a member-director of the United Way; and is a member of the Ocean County Board of Health; and is a member of the Toms River High School South Advisory Board for Political and Legal Education. Gasser is Chairman of the Ocean County Democratic Committee; he is a former delegate-voter to the Democratic National Convention. Mr. Gasser is a member of the Ocean County and New Jersey Bar Associations; and has been admitted to