

LETTERS

Little regard for the law, tax money and citizens

In response to the story concerning Sunshine Law violations by the Middletown Township Vacancy Board published Nov. 25, I have several concerns:

Apparently the court found that the majority that controlled the April 29 Middletown Vacancy board meeting were guilty of committing several violations, one of which was not permitting public comment until after the vote was taken. They also had the oath of office already notarized with their choice before the meeting even began. The Sunshine Law was enacted to bring about openness and transparency in government, eliminating such back room dealings.

That said, it is the response of those guilty after the ruling that is truly egregious. Instead of admitting any remorse, the defendants, Democratic board members McMonagle and Thompson, instead chose the political route of blaming the plaintiffs. They have spent over \$61,000 in taxpayer money in an apparent attempt to maintain their political status quo while calling the suits against them "frivolous."

Then McMonagle states in a blog (which he actually signs) on that his intention is to countersue the plaintiffs for cost the taxpayers incurred while defending their guilty actions. Is this prudent or just an abuse of taxpayers funds for a political agenda?

Say what they will, they were the ones who authorized these expenditures with fellow Democratic Supervisor board member Heuer (the above member illegally sworn in) casting the deciding vote in using the taxpayers to pay for her own separate legal council.

Perhaps next year's elections will give residents an opportunity to elect representatives with a higher regard of the law and motivated to serve the best interest of their community.

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