

LETTERS

Pay-to-play politicians engage in tawdry tactics

Regarding the May 13 letter from Middletown Democratic Party Chairman John Toth: The letter, with its insinuations and inaccuracies, is another example of the tactics of the Democratic Party and its ringleader, Middletown Supervisors Chairman Robert McMonagle.

Despite their incessant statements and innuendo to the contrary, both are well aware that recent supervisor candidate Russell Kavana never received any "payoff " or in any way abused his position while serving on Middletown's Zoning Board. They are trying to tie a contribution from a local developer to the local Republican Committee with Kavana implying they are one and the same.

In his letter, Toth's chiding response to this contradiction was "as if there was a distinction." Some may find it disturbing, though not surprising, that McMonagle and Toth have both implied that there is no difference between an illegal kickback to an individual and a perfectly legal contribution to a political committee's general fund, which in this case, supported the campaigns of supervisors, school board, as well as auditors.

Toth's convoluted assertion that Kavana's agreement to an extension on this project was somehow politically motivated was in reality a routine motion unanimously granted (including Democratic members) at the developer's request. Additionally, Toth conveniently leaves out the all-important fact that Kavana voted against this project when it came to vote.

It is unfortunate the Democratic Party in Middletown has purely for the sake of political expediency sought to denigrate the political career and character of an individual who has served both parties for over 25 years to a universal acclaim of integrity and fairness. Russell Kavana also has consistently voted only in the best interest his community.

His critics make it clear they will go to any level to maintain the payto-play leadership positions they hold in Middletown.

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