

## Not a 'payoff': Donation went to party, not me

Pursuant to the recently filled vacancy on the Middletown Board of Supervisors, let me set the record straight. I have NEVER taken a campaign donation from anyone who wanted my vote. The campaign donation that was said to be a "payoff " to me was given to the Middletown Republican Committee, which was financing the entire election. This included two supervisor candidates, two auditor candidates, and three school board candidates. Therefore, any idea that it was given to me and requested by me is an outright LIE.

Now, let me say why I applied and was nominated for the supervisor position that is now filled. After the November election, which I and Chuck Thompson lost, there was an opening on the board. This opening was given to Thompson because he had the next highest vote total. I feel I was much more qualified for the position than Mr. Thompson but I could not argue with this sound logic.

Then came another opening, and using the same logic, the Courier Times recommended I should receive the appointment. When my name was placed in nomination it was defeated by a 2 - 2 vote, with Thompson voting NO to the same logic by which he was appointed. They said that was not the reason Thompson was appointed, stating that he was the most qualified; this is not what they said, as recorded in the Courier Times.

People who know me would say that I do not blow my own horn. But the many positions I held with the township and honors bestowed on me for public service would have allowed me to hit the ground running and would have taken politics out of my appointment because I would not have run for re-election when the term was up. This would have allowed other interested parties to run in November 2009.

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