

Farry resigns township post

MIDDLETOWN

Frank Farry has resigned from his \$74,587-a-year job as assistant township manager in Middletown, effective June 7.

Farry, 35, said he submitted his letter of resignation to township Manager Richard Gestrich on Friday. A Republican, Farry is challenging Democratic incumbent Chris King, D-142, in November's election for state representative.

Farry said he was getting political interference and intimidation to drop out of the state representative race, but said he felt strongly about running so instead chose to give up the assistant manager's job. He said an anonymous complaint was filed with the federal government's Office of Special Counsel recently alleging that Farry was violating the federal Hatch Act by running for state representative while holding the assistant manager's job.

Farry denied any Hatch Act violation. In some circumstances, it prohibits employees of a municipality that receives federal funds from running for elected office.

Farry, who is also fire chief at the Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company, was hired as Middletown's Director of Community Affairs in 2000 and soon afterward became assistant township manager. He also has a law degree and does work for the firm of Jackson, Cook, Caracappa and Bloom in Falls.