

Middletown cops might patrol two towns

Penndel is looking into the possibility of hiring the Middletown Township Police Department to patrol the borough. Municipal officials started talks this month.

Middletown Supervisors Chairman Robert McMonagle said an initial rough estimate of providing police coverage for Penndel would be \$330,000 to \$380,000 a year, but that Middletown will continue to work with Penndel on other alternatives.

"We know that is beyond their budget, so maybe there is some type of law enforcement grant we can help them get or something else," McMonagle said. "We want to help them. We'll kick some more things around."

Penndel is still working on its 2009 budget.