

## **Welcome change: Democrats take ball and go home**

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The recent local election in Middletown took its toll on the Democrats. The Republicans were the big winners and Middletown is going to face a change.

Sometimes people do not welcome change. Take for instance the Democrats who lost in this recent election. Ousted Tax Collector Tom Kearns has closed his office with the exception of Mondays. It is my understanding that his term runs four years and he is paid for a four-year term. Is Mr. Kearns going to pay the township, county and school district back for deciding to become an absentee tax collector for the last two months of his elected tenure?

I would also like to talk about our recently ousted board of supervisors. The board wants to change the public safety director position back to chief of police. I also understand that most of the citizens of Middletown wanted this change to take place. However, let's not fool ourselves. The board wanted to appoint the current interim director (who was not qualified for the position of public safety director due to the lack of a four-year college degree) as police chief.

It is also evident that, if the current board appoints the new chief, the position would be filled without any representation from voters as two votes will come from political appointees. It is my opinion that since the citizens of Middletown did not vote the current board majority back in, they decided to play politics and use their lame-duck status to get back at us.

I feel that in the future there should be a law in place to prevent such debauchery for Democrats and Republicans alike. Wake up, Middletown Township. Look at the way these elected officials are acting. Is this what you truly expected?

Seems like the Democrats are taking their bat and ball and going home. It is my hope that the newly elected Republicans will exhibit more decorum upon the end of their terms. That is a change we can all welcome.

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