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To the lame duck Middletown Township Board of Supervisors, sans one, for prudently reversing course on the police chief issue.

Board Democrats, who hold a 3-2 majority, had indicated a desire to appoint acting Public Safety Director Patrick McGinty as the township's new police chief. This was to come on the heels of reverting back to a police chief system; the township currently has a public safety director.

Those plans were disrupted when incoming Republicans, who will hold a majority come next month, sought a court injunction to stop the action. A Bucks County judge issued the injunction, considered the issue and days later ruled that the outgoing board had a right to change the system - but warned that naming a new chief could be viewed as "binding" the incoming board and lead to a costly legal battle not to mention the political turmoil it would create.

The Democrats listened - well, except for Supervisor Robert McMonagle, who knows a thing or two about political turmoil.

Fortunately for taxpayers, Supervisors Chuck Thompson and Kathy Huer chose prudence over politics. They voted to respect voters' wishes and leave the chief post for the next board to decide. Commendations to them.