

# EXHIBIT A

Borough of Middletown  
60 W. Emaus Street • Middletown • Pennsylvania • 17057

July 17th, 2018

Re: Question about placement of public notices

Joeseeph G. Sukle, Jr.  
Press and Journal Inc.  
20 S. Union Street  
Middletown, PA  
17057

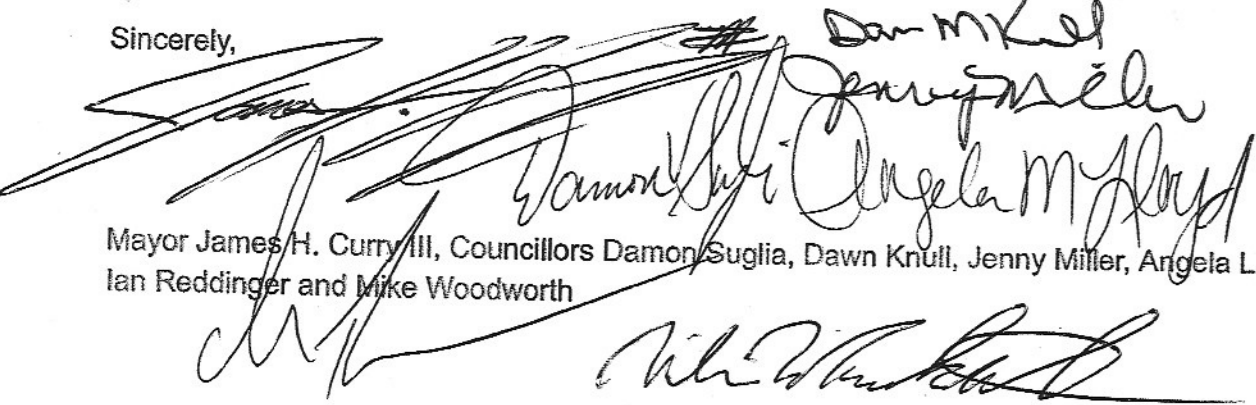
Dear Mr. Sukle,

In response to your inquiry regarding notices for the Borough of Middletown being placed in the Patriot-News instead of the Press and Journal, this is a decision that was made on June 19th, 2018. The Borough Council, with the Mayor's agreement, decided that it does not want to continue providing the Press and Journal with financial support by way of advertising, as part of our duty to responsibly spend this community's tax dollars. Instead, we have chosen to fulfill our legal obligation to advertise applicable notices with different, local news outlets like the Patriot-News.

This decision was arrived at through discussion of a number topics that we feel have been detrimental to the efforts and initiatives of the Borough, including articles and editorials published in the Press and Journal over the past year. The topics covered include the Elks Theater, National Night Out, Police discipline, local campaign coverage and the Press and Journal's attempts to help finance select campaigns, Borough ordinances affecting student housing, and the Borough's litigation against Suez and McNees, Wallace & Nurick. Through these disheartening and demoralizing instances of distasteful sensationalism, misrepresentation of information and statements, unfounded speculation, questionable sourcing and observable bias, we feel that the Press and Journal is not entirely committed to presenting the news of our community with an acceptable amount of impartiality or accuracy of facts.

In addition to the innumerable hours that managing this borough and its business requires, this council takes pride in serving the community it lives in by supporting our town's businesses through patronage and partnership. However, we cannot support a business that, at times, seems intent on derailing the progress we strive to make, or the partnerships we have in our town. Should the Press and Journal demonstrate reliability to professionally and responsibly report on the actions and statements of Borough Council and Management, as well critiquing us from a founded and balanced position, we will be happy to patron your newspaper again.

Sincerely,



Mayor James H. Curry III, Councillors Damon Suglia, Dawn Knull, Jenny Miller, Angela Lloyd, Ian Reddinger and Mike Woodworth