

BUCKS COUNTY ADVANCE

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Kathleen Goldhahn named acting township manager

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At the November 8 public meeting, Kathleen Goldhahn was appointed acting Township Manager by the Northampton Supervisors, filling the seat unexpectedly vacated by former manager D. Bruce Townsend.
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Townsend resigned his post after it was revealed that he is under investigation by the Bucks County District Attorney's office for misappropriation of township funds.

Goldhahn has been assistant manager in Northampton for nine years, and before that was township manager in Lower Southampton for 13 years.

Having familiarity with the township and its goals and projects, Goldhahn is confident her transition will be seamless but is, nonetheless, "looking forward to the challenge."

As of last week, Northampton residents have a new trash collector, courtesy of a three-way contract that was approved independently by Northampton, Lower and Upper Southampton townships.

The three adjoining municipalities formed the Southwest Bucks Solid Waste Committee and solicited bids on a new contract earlier this year.

The new contract was awarded to Allied Waste Management, a national company with more than 10 million residential, commercial and industrial customers in 37 states, according to its Web site.

Allied replaces J.P. Mascaro, which had been trash hauler for the three townships for more than a decade.

Northampton and Lower Southampton supervisors approved the \$17 million, three-year contract on October 25; Upper Southampton unanimously approved the contract on November 8. Northampton's portion of the contract will cost \$9 million.

The supervisors also voted to allow Twining Village, a retirement community on Middle Holland Road, to proceed with an improvement project.

Lutheran Social Services, a non-profit group that operates Twining Village, needed approval before moving forward with the \$2 million refurbishment.

With the holiday season fast approaching, the supervisors also announced they will be a collection point for the "Soldiers for Hope" effort. Anyone interested in contributing holiday packages and items needed by soldiers may visit www.soldiersforhope.org or call the township at 215-355-6800.