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Dear Council Manager, Mr. Randy Robertson, and County Council Members:

I respectfully ask that this letter be read and submitted to the record at your October 11th, 2022 council meeting, as I will be out of town, and cannot attend.

I am a life-long resident of Luzerne County, and as such have been a long-time taxpayer. I travel on many Pennsylvania highways, and for many years have observed that some counties do a much better job maintaining their roads than others. The standard joke in my car, is "well, you can tell we are back in Luzerne County" whenever I come over into our county line and immediately hit rough road surface. I am positive it is no different in a majority of our county driver's cars. We, as citizens, expect and deserve better from our County Council.

I am aware that Mr. Robertson has stated he has received over 700 complaints from citizens about the condition of our roads in the last 3 months. We are tired of continued repairs to our cars, because the roads are not in good repair, or safety issues like having to drive down the middle of a two way road to avoid the multiple potholes. Many of us have been concerned about the deplorable roads for YEARS, and have been anticipating the new county manager's work to make them a priority. There are systemic problems in all of our county departments that need to be addressed, analyzed, and better organized to create an environment that makes **our roads the FIRST priority of Luzerne County**. Every councilman needs to get behind this cause, because the voters can and will make changes to the council in order to facilitate that end.

Departments must fill positions, must make money available and get bids awarded in a timely manner to fix our roads. Many examples and pictures of our road issues have been sent, and yet we still have very little happening. Personally, I drive 2 of the worse Luzerne county roads often, and one of the best roads in the county- Lamoreaux Road, Lake Twp. It was just totally paved, not patched, and re-painted with lines for safety. Although it is only 1 mile long, it is the expectation of what every county road could be, with concerted effort by council.

I have been hearing that the council is considering a tax hike for next year, to ensure more income for road fixes, but I must state-this is NOT the answer!! Working in earnest on your budget is the answer. There is money that council has- right now- to address these issues. It is a matter of willingness of council to do the will of its citizens. I implore you to use all funds available, ARP, grants, slush funds, etc. Mr. Griffith, please reformat budget items, to make our roads a priority. Find the waste, or the budget items that are frivolous, and direct them to real change. Mr. Robertson, please pay attention to what our citizenry is asking for. Mr. Plesh, lobby for better salary for your openings, so we have more able workers to get the jobs done. Councilman John Lombardo has proposed the \$96 million dollars you have at your disposal be utilized in a common sense manner, please back his suggestions. PLEASE do not waste \$51 million dollars on one bridge, the Nanticoke/West Nanticoke span just to attract one company for Luzerne County!! Use that money to benefit ALL residents- MANY roads and bridges!! There is work to do, and the budget needs to be in line with our #1 issue, safe roads for ALL citizens of Luzerne County. I trust you all will follow through on what is truly best for this County. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Carol Rosser, Luzerne County Resident, Sweet Valley

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