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Cindy Brannan - Wright Township

Dear All,

It is time for serious discussion.

Our team has implored you and the previous council, two county managers and an acting county manager, two division heads, a Road and Bridge supervisor and a county engineer for over 18 months to **FIX OUR ROADS**.

The excuses and finger-pointing continue: no funds and no staff.

Our Road and Bridge department has had up to 20 position vacancies for months. The department failed to advertise they were hiring, however, at a recent job fair.

The R&B employees are working concert venues, emptying trash along the river, moving files for other county departments, erecting the Christmas tree, moving ballot boxes and now (!?!?)—they are working for overtime pay to help the Bureau of Elections do their job on election night. Of course, at the expense of residents' **SAFETY**.

This absolutely cannot continue.

Our roads are not safe. The people of Luzerne County have expressed outrage that one bridge and a fraction of the county's communities should benefit from what will cost all residents up to 75 million dollars. All residents will lose the benefit of three million dollars each year. All residents will continue to be at risk on all county roads. All residents will risk liability because of our elected officials' decision to, once again, ignore the safety of its residents on over 120+ miles of county roadway. All residents will risk this administration and future administrations' threat to raise taxes because our debt has been multiplied by litigation from certain tragedy on our crumbling roads. All residents will risk watching our tax revenue get wasted when what roadwork has been done has not been done correctly and the freeze/thaw cycle destroys it. All 300,000+ residents of Luzerne County are dependent upon a council who refuses to hear the majority and refuses to address the performance and decisions of the county manager they just hired through a search committee they assembled.

It is imperative that Council understand the exhaustion and determination of Fix Our Roads Luzerne County. Both nouns are equal.

Respectfully,

Cindy Brannan



Is the government responsible for the safety of its citizens?

State and local governments have a constitutional duty to protect public safety. However, other parts of the Constitution, such as the 4th and 14th Amendments, limit how far those powers can go. Jul 29, 2022

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