

January 6, 2010

Dear Tom:

Thank you for taking the necessary action to help with this terrible problem on Rich Hill Road. Unfortunately, as Megan's lack of response indicates, neither both the County nor Harmar Township seems to care about the road! I am glad that she offered an apology to you. It is a shame that someone has to die before any type of corrective action takes place on Rich Hill Road. The County and Harmar are great at passing the buck of responsibility for the road.

I apologize for your issues with big government as their response time is always slow. As Megan can validate, I contacted Dan's office in both 2008 and 2009. I somehow became a thorn in their side as my office supervisor actually received a phone call from Dan's office saying that I was "harassing" Dan in some way. They attempted to have me fired or at a minimum, get me into trouble. They did not succeed. I was merely looking for Dan's help in order to save lives; help from the most powerful politician in the County who has a serious road problem in front of him. The call that Dan's office placed to my supervisor was a terrible shame and act of cowardice. That should not have happened. I did post a response to this ridiculous, unnecessary threat from Dan's office on my website.

<http://www.darrinjrally.com/Politics101ComplimentsOfDanOnorato.pdf>

Fortunately, our Solicitor took immediate care of this issue for me.

Nonetheless, we still have a major problem with the road. Megan should have told you that Harmar has reapplied for the necessary loan. County Councilman Jim Burn confirmed this with me. We are still awaiting to hear of the County's decision to grant Harmar Township the funds to repave Rich Hill Road. Jim Burn is to get back to me on this ASAP.

I am sad to say that I am losing faith in this group, but will continue the fight as it is worth it. As you know, our children ride on this landmine of a road every day! You should see the County's bridge on that road! It is ready to collapse. We pray that it does not.

As usual, we are at their mercy. Perhaps less ribbon cutting, television appearances and attending of Steeler/Penguin games and more community service. We need results, not the advancement of personal agendas.

I will get back to you once I hear from Jim.

Best regards,
Darrin

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About time that we got a response.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dardanell, Megan [mailto:Megan.Dardanell@AlleghenyCounty.US]

Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2010 1:54 PM

To: Tom Niggel

Subject: On behalf of Dan Onorato - Rich Hill Road

January 6, 2010

Dear Mr. Niggel:

Thank you for your email. County Executive Onorato asked that I respond on his behalf. I sincerely apologize for my extremely delayed response. While I did discuss your email with our Economic Development department (ACED) when it arrived, I failed to send you a response. I am so sorry that it was overlooked in my inbox.

I did discuss the issue with ACED again yesterday just to be sure that there weren't any changes or updates. As you may know, Supervisor Krally contacted our office about his concerns regarding Rich Hill Road in 2008. He inquired about the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to repave the road. While the road is jointly owned by Indiana and Harmar townships, the County investigated the situation and recommended an Authority for Improvements in Municipalities (AIM) loan. AIM was created to assist municipalities in financing vital and necessary capital improvement infrastructure projects. The road was not eligible for CDBG as the funds are restricted by federal law in how they may be used. ACED contacted both Indiana and Harmar townships to share information about the application process, but as I explained to Supervisor Krally, we have no authority to force Harmar to apply for this loan.

I hope that this answers your question. While we understand your concern and frustration, this has to be remedied at the municipal level. Allegheny County stands ready to assist with an AIM loan, but we cannot force anyone to apply for the assistance.

Again, I apologize for not responding to you in a timely fashion. It was my error.

Sincerely,

Megan Dardanell

Office of the County Executive

From: Tom Niggel [mailto:tomn@pantherpt.org]

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2009 12:21 PM

To: Executive; Burn, Jr. James; Darrin Krally

Subject: Rich Hill Road

I am writing again in hopes to emphasize the significant need for repair and repaving of Rich Hill Road. I had written to Mr. Onorato's office (never received a reply) and Mr. Dermody's office. I had received what I thought was the promise that this road would be repaired. As I can see in newsletters posted by my township supervisor, this issue has been pushed to the bottom of the county agenda. I hope that Mr. Onorato will please respond to this letter. If you cannot respond to your constituents at a county wide level, how will you be able to do this at a state wide level? If this is the level of service we can expect, I would not expect a lot of votes for a gubernatorial bid from the residents or any family members that visit our homes along Rich Hill Road. Thank you and I eagerly await your response and action.

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