

Subject: On behalf of Dan Onorato  
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Dear Supervisor Krally:

In regards to your email yesterday, I feel the need to respond once again as you are sharing incorrect information with Mr. Niggel. I think that you would have to agree that I have always been responsive to your inquiries. While you may not have liked the answers that I provided on behalf of the County, I have always answered your questions. I failed to answer Mr. Niggel in a timely manner. I apologized profusely for my error, by I did respond, contrary to your comments.

I was correct in my response as Harmar has not applied for an AIM loan and has shown no interest in doing so. The township did apply for CDBG funds, which as I have explained several times, cannot be used for such as project as restricted by federal guidelines. Harmar has also applied for a \$250,000 grant from the Community Infrastructure Tourism Fund (CITF). This application is still under consideration. I am told that this paving project would cost more than \$500,000, so even if the CITF grant is approved, the township would have to find additional funding.

Your suggestion that we are passing the buck is unfair. This road, as you know, is owned jointly by Indiana and Harmar townships. While Allegheny County does have programs in place, such as AIM, to assist municipalities in making improvements, you can understand why it is impossible for the county to simply cover the costs of road improvement projects for municipalities. Allegheny County already maintains 810 lane-miles of road, more than 520 bridges, and more than 12,000 acres of parkland and related facilities. The Allegheny County-owned bridge on this road is currently under construction, as you also know.

I also find your comments regarding ribbon cuttings and appearances to be unfair. Allegheny County provides millions of dollars for community programs, infrastructure improvements, job development, and human service programs every year. Through programs like Allegheny Together, we also provide assistance to municipal business development and job creation. I understand your frustration on this issue, but your comments are not accurate.

Mr. Krally, I currently have, and have never had, any reason to accuse you of harassing the County Executive. Our job here is to answer inquiries and address concerns that are brought to our attention. I think that you would have to agree that I have always done that in a professional and polite manner. To suggest anything else on my part is also unfair and unjustified.

Please continue to contact our office for further updates - such as the status of the CITF grant application. We are happy to answer your questions.

Sincerely  
Megan Dardanell  
Office of the County Executive