

District #3 Report

Darrin J. Krally

Date: May 27, 2008

RE: Welcome Back Indiana Township!!!!

1. Still, to date, I have not heard any movement on the Harmar Board seeking:

- County, State or Federal grant money to pave Rich Hill Road in 2008 or 2009
- Responding to my registered letter asking for their specific position on paving Rich Hill Road
- **Don Muse, Mike Hillery, Linda Slomer, Kim Toney and Barb Nolls** need to take action immediately. (**OR AT LEAST 3 of this group**) I am asking you to write each of them a letter inquiring about their position on repaving Rich Hill road as well.

- Here is their address/email:

Harmar Township
701 Freeport Road, Cheswick, PA 15024
harmar701@comcast.net

- Please take 10 minutes and write a letter to each Harmar Supervisor and ask them to please fix their road ASAP!! Why wait until a terrible accident occurs??? Why not just fix now?? It makes sense, doesn't it???? Inactivity only strengthens a trial lawyer's case!!!!!!
- THANK YOU **PATRICIA CARLIER** for your support!! Your letter to the editor (Valley News Dispatch) was greatly appreciated. I am asking YOU to follow Patricia's lead and continue to write the VALLEY News on this issue!!!
- **RESPONSE FROM DAN ONARATO'S OFFICE.** Dan is either too busy to respond himself or he has much more important things to do with his time at the moment.

Perhaps increasing the drink tax to 20%? Whatever the case, here is the response I received after begging for some feedback. Please read from bottom bullet point to the top to fully understand what is being said. To date, Megan has not answered any of my questions:

- **From Darrin to Megan:**

- Disappointing news about the CDBG. This is contrary to what we were told by County Council members.

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- Who visited the site? What were their thoughts on the condition of the road?

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- What is an AIM Loan? What is the name of the person that will reach out to both Harmar and Indiana? Who will this person contact at each Township? Most importantly, when?

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- Sounds like no one wants to fix the road. And that no one cares. What is Harmar does not apply for the loan? So if someone is killed on the road due to the deplorable conditions, who is responsible?

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- Thank you.

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- **Darrin J. Krally**

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- **From:** Dardanell, Megan [mailto:Megan.Dardanell@AlleghenyCounty.US]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2008 2:06 PM
To: Krally, Darrin
Cc: Executive; Olczak, Joseph; Davin, Dennis; dkrally@darrinjrally.com
Subject: RE: On behalf of Dan Onorato - Rich Hill Road

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- May 21, 2008
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- Dear Mr. Krally:
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- I apologize for the delay in responding to your concerns. Representatives of our Economic Development Department have been investigating this issue and visited the site. Due to the fact that road is owned by both Harmar and Indiana Townships, it would not qualify for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. It may, however, qualify for the AIM Loan Program. The funds in this program are limited, but may provide an opportunity for the townships to improve the condition of the road. Someone from Economic Development is contacting both Harmar and Indiana to explain how the loan application works.
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- Thank you again for contacting our office and for making us aware of the problem. Again, I apologize for the delay.
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- Regards,
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- Megan Dardanell
- Office of the County Executive
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- **From:** Krally, Darrin [mailto:Darrin.Krally@Delmonte.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2008 11:14 AM
To: Dardanell, Megan
Cc: Executive; Olczak, Joseph; Davin, Dennis; 'dkrally@darrinjkrally.com'
Subject: RE: On behalf of Dan Onorato - Rich Hill Road
Importance: High
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- Megan:

You promised me feedback weeks ago and I have not heard from you at all. Please let me know as this situation is only getting worse.

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- Thank you.

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- **Darrin J. Krally**

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- **From:** Dardanell, Megan [mailto:Megan.Dardanell@AlleghenyCounty.US]
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2008 5:01 PM
To: Krally, Darrin
Cc: Executive; Olczak, Joseph; Davin, Dennis
Subject: On behalf of Dan Onorato - Rich Hill Road

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- April 28, 2008

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- Dear Mr. Krally:

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- County Executive Onorato asked that I respond on his behalf. I took the liberty of forwarding your email to Public Works Director Joe Olczak and Economic Development Director Dennis Davin when it came into our office last week. We are currently working with Harmar Township on the rehabilitation of Deer Creek Bridge Number Four. Mr. Davin is also looking into this issue. We will get back to you, but I wanted to let you know that we are looking into the situation.

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- Thank you for contacting our office.

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- Sincerely,

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- Megan Dardanell
- Office of the County Executive

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- **From:** Krally, Darrin [mailto:Darrin.Krally@Delmonte.com]
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2008 4:53 PM
To: Executive
Cc: 'dkrally@darrinjrally.com'
Subject: Rich Hill Road - Darrin Krally

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- Dear Dan:

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- Good afternoon. Simply put, I am in great need of your help. We share a road with Harmar Township. I am referencing Rich Hill Road. It is by far one of the worst roads in the County. I believe you are familiar with Rich Hill Road. There are several trucking companies, a brick plant and an indoor soccer facility on this road. The many vehicles that travel this road have destroyed the Harmar portion of the road. The Harmar Board refuses to fix their dangerous and treacherous portion of the road. They claim they do not have the funds to fix the road at this time or in the near future. I strongly disagree.

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- Nick Futules agrees that Harmar has a liability issue on their hands with the current condition of Rich Hill Road. Nick indicated the County might provide half of the cost associated with repavement in the form of a grant. Harmar refuses to even apply for grant money. This is outrageous!!!

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- Dan, someone will be either injured or killed if we do not force corrective action immediately. There are many schools buses that use this road as well. The safety of our children must come before their (Harmar) Board's excuses.

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- Please review the articles on my website, www.darrinjrally.com, to bring you up to speed.

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- Feel free to call me at any time.

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- Thank you,

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- Darrin J. Krally
- District #3 - Township Supervisor
- Indiana Township - Rural Ridge

- 412 767 5333 x 64 (o)
- 412 980 9355 (m)

***** There has been a single lane bridge notice for about 6 weeks now. What type of work is going on Rich Hill Road? I have asked the County Executive and am awaiting a formal response. Stay tuned.....

2. I mentioned that some of the potholes along their portion of Rich Hill have been filled. Unfortunately, some of their work was **un-done** as the recent snow and rain has uplifted the "fill" in the holes. This happens all of the time. It just adds **more loose gravel** onto an already messy road. Again, this effort was noticed and appreciated, but it is clearly not a solve in any way at all. Simply put, the road is completely uneven and greatly needs paving!!!
3. Signatures have leveled off at about 100 on our "**Fix Rich Hill Road**" petition. (www.darrinjkrally.com) I truly appreciate and thank you for your attentiveness. I will do my best to continue this effort, but it is all of you that will make this happen!!! Let's continue to ask others to sign our VERY worthwhile petition!
4. I am working with the Trib/Valley and hope to have a new article publishing many of your comments about the Harmar portion of Rich Hill Road. I do believe this will help as **SAFETY, not money**, is the resounding theme.
5. **Large Trash Items of TRASH on Rich Hill** include - a very old and ugly reclining chair. A rusted out and knocked down mail box, spray painted signs that read "brick," at least 1 or maybe 2 boats that are sitting there at all times and old, empty beer/soda cans. It looks like another junk yard!
6. A letter is being drafted by a **resident/attorney** regarding Rich Hill Road. This letter will be sent to all Harmar Township Management and Supervisors. This attorney regularly witnesses **illegal and overweight trucks** on the road. These trucks are also guilty of making **illegal turns/U turns** as well. These trucks are increasing the level of danger on the road. The brick plant also has

illegal forklifts and carts that operate (at will) on Rich Hill Road. They too are contributing to the already dangerous situation.

7. **RR Estates** - I have reached out to Rob Serrao and asked for the Estates "to do" list of needed repairs. I look forward to getting things done in the Estates. Rob is doing his best to make this happen. He has my full support.
8. Kevin M. Brozek Center - We are still **struggling to attract new programs** into the Brozek Center. Revenues to date from ALL sources other than **Adelphoi Village** are approximately **\$500.00**. This is a shame!! This \$500.00 does not cover one electric bill!! We are looking into hiring a Township Community Center Director, (for all Community Centers) but we greatly need the additional funds to make this happen!! Full time employees are VERY expensive! Please let me know if you have any ideas, thoughts, and/or concerns that you wish to discuss. I know this building can thrive. We are still luring the potential library to the site.
9. Kevin M. Brozek Center - The name of Marie Bove has surfaced once again. I continue to hear that Marie is interested in offering summer programs at the Brozek Center. I requested via email and VM that she put her plans in writing. She responded that she would do this ASAP.
10. Adelphoi Village Survey - I want YOUR opinion on this topic!! Should the school wish to remain at the Brozek Center, do you believe the Township should renew their lease for another year? Please visit www.darrinjkrally.com and click on the Adelphoi Village Survey link.
11. **RURAL RIDGE BASEBALL FIELD - Baseball and Softball** - for all of those who manage a **TEE BALL, A BALL or U8 softball** team, please consider using **Rural Ridge Field** for practice, games, and/or make up games.
12. **Rural Ridge Basketball Court** - we will replace the basketball hoops very soon! The current hoops are rusty and

quite old. This will be a great improvement to the Rural Ridge Parklet.

13. **Youth Day** - we still need both volunteers and donations. Please do what you can to help keep this great day in place for decades to come!!
14. **Village of Rural Ridge Sign** - on Little Deer Creek road. I have secured donated funds to replace the VERY old and worn out sign. The new sign will be installed within the next 2-3 weeks. It was simply a pleasure making this happen!!!
15. I want to thank **Charlie Hart** for his years of dedicated service to both the GOP Committee and the Township. You will be greatly missed.

That is all I have Mayor,

Darrin J. Krally