

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Problems need better solution than just money**

In the last "Bedford Township Update" there was an article from the Supervisor's Desk regarding where our tax dollars go within the township. The article also talked about what you don't see: our poor roads, garbage pickup, drainage problems and more police. All these things would require more money from the tax payers.

Let's look at poor roads. This includes all of Monroe County not just Bedford. For the 40 some years since I moved here, our roads have been lacking in repair and maintenance.

We cannot blame the current road commissioner who just recently was elected into office and inherited a big mess.

Our fuel tax has been the same for a long time. In Michigan we pay a fuel tax plus a .06-cent sales tax on every dollar of gas. This is not used for upkeep of our roads.

My suggestion: Why not take the .06 sales tax money and add it to the fuel tax to be used to improve the roads? Then raise the general sales tax to 7 percent on each taxable item

to cover the lost revenue from the gas sales tax.

Garbage pickup: We have a private company that picks up our garbage weekly. They do a great job. If they don't we could go to another private company. I really prefer a private handler to provide this service, not the township. Look at the mess in Toledo over garbage collection.

Drainage was mentioned as a problem. Should this be considered alongside the road concerns?

Having extra police would certainly provide more protection, but not for the purpose of writing more traffic tickets.

Last but not least are the neighborhood/subdivision roads. You could pay \$50 more yearly in taxes but I doubt that will take care of the road in front of your house. Let's get together with our neighbors, buy the repair materials and do it ourselves. It's not difficult to do and you will add length of life to your own neighborhood roads.

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