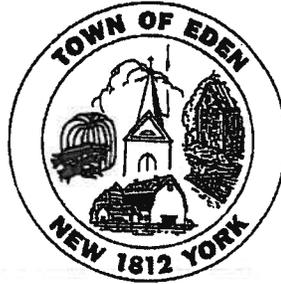


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September 19, 2016

Erie County Executive Mark Polancarz
Erie County Executive's Office
95 Franklin St., 16th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Executive Polancarz,

This letter is in response to the conversation we had at the Eden-North Collins Food Pantry dedication on Saturday, September 17, 2016. We spoke briefly about the county/town snow plowing contract. If you recall, I had stated that I hope for a resolution before the snow starts falling. I was concerned about some of the statements and figures which you presented during the conversation. In particular, you stated that some of the smaller towns, such as Eden, spend up to 146% of the county payment amount which you indicated would cover their entire snow plowing budget. I am enclosing a spreadsheet which was prepared by our highway department for the years 2014-2015. This spreadsheet clearly lays out the cost of plowing county and town roads. Interestingly, it actually shows a short fall that the county pays to the town versus the cost to the town of plowing the county roads, in the amount of \$22,837.13 (18.49%). Our overall snow plowing cost to the town, including county roads, is \$280,947.40. As you can see by these figures and the enclosed chart, Eden is not being irresponsible to the county tax payers as you stated to me. The county is clearly not supporting anywhere near 100% of our annual snow plowing budget, let alone using the funding to cover other line items, as you suggested.

Again, I hope to see a resolution to the contract negotiations before the snow starts falling. It is a benefit to not only the county but to the county taxpayers of which Eden residents apart, to have the town plow these particular roads. However, I think it is imperative that not all "small towns" be lumped together with inappropriate generalizations. I also have concerns about your statement with regard to the "larger towns" exploring options to enter into a separate contract with the county. Has this been discussed in the ongoing negotiations and are all participants aware of this possibility?

I appreciate you taking the time last Saturday to come to the dedication of such an important service to our town. It is important for community leaders to recognize the countless hours and efforts put forth by our community volunteers to help serve the less fortunate. These efforts only help create a more sustainable future for our residents. As a new leader in our county, I look forward to working together to create a better community. Good communication is a key to the success of this process.

Respectfully,

Missy Hartman
Eden Town Supervisor

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**TOWN OF EDEN
COSTS OF PLOWING
COUNTY ROADS**

**PLOWED LANE MILES = 131.26
COUNTY LANE MILES = 33.32
TOWN LANE MILES = 97.97**

PLOWING		RATE PER HOUR	COST PER TRUCK W/MEN	x 5 TRUCKS	x 3 HRS PER ROUND	131.26 TOTAL LANE MILES - COST PER MILE	COST FOR 97.97 TOWN LANE MILES	2014/2015 SEASON TOTAL COSTS FOR TOWN	COST FOR 33.32 COUNTY LANE MILES	2014/2015 SEASON TOTAL COSTS FOR COUNTY	2014/2015 SEASON TOTAL COSTS FOR COUNTY & TOWN COMBINED
								# OF ROUNDS 56 REG/64OT	# OF ROUNDS 56 REG/64OT	# OF ROUNDS 56 REG/64OT	# OF ROUNDS 56 REG/64OT
REG PAY	TRUCK	\$100.00	\$179.56	\$897.80	\$2,693.40	\$20.52	97.97	\$112,576.98	33.32	\$38,287.89	\$150,864.87
	2 MEN (39.78 w/mtg)	\$79.56				\$10.48	\$2,010.30	\$57,471.95		\$19,546.24	\$77,017.60
	MATERIAL	\$275.00		\$1,375.00			1,026.27				
							TOTAL	\$170,048.33	TOTAL PLOWING (REG)	\$57,884.14	\$227,882.47
OT PAY	TRUCK	\$100.00	\$200.92	\$1,004.60	\$3,013.80	\$22.96	\$2,249.44	\$143,964.40		\$48,962.88	\$192,927.28
	2 MEN (50.46 w/mtg)	\$100.92		\$1,375.00		\$10.48	1,026.27	\$65,681.55		\$22,388.56	\$88,020.11
	MATERIAL	\$275.00					TOTAL	\$209,645.95	TOTAL PLOWING (OT)	\$71,301.45	\$280,947.40
SCOUTING		RATE PER HOUR	COST PER TRUCK W/MEN	x 1 TRUCK	x 1 HR/ROUND	131.26 TOTAL LANE MILES - COST PER MILE	COST FOR 97.97 TOWN LANE MILES	2014/2015 SEASON TOTAL COSTS FOR TOWN	COST FOR 33.32 COUNTY LANE MILES	2014/2015 SEASON TOTAL COSTS FOR COUNTY	2014/2015 SEASON TOTAL COSTS FOR COUNTY & TOWN COMBINED
								# OF ROUNDS 124/REG 164/OT	# OF ROUNDS 124/REG 164/OT	# OF ROUNDS 124/REG 164/OT	# OF ROUNDS 124/REG 164/OT
REG PAY	TRUCK (PICKUP)	\$14.00	\$53.78	\$53.78	\$53.78	\$0.41	97.97	\$40.14	33.32	\$13.65	\$53.79
	1-MAN	\$39.78					\$40.14				\$93.54
OT PAY	TRUCK (PICKUP)	\$14.00	\$64.46	\$64.46	\$64.46	\$0.49	\$48.11			\$16.36	\$64.46
	1-MAN	\$50.46									\$10,573.86
							TOTAL SCOUTING (REG & OT)				17,244.10

\$146,379.69 TOTAL COST FOR COUNTY MILES

\$123,542.56 COUNTY PAID EDEN 2014-2015 SEASON

~~-\$22,837.13 DIFFERENCE~~

% OF DIFFERENCE

18.49%