

Questions about road tax proposal

In the April 19 Monroe Evening News, there was a front page article about Bedford Township's town hall meeting and the proposal for a 1-mill road tax for 10 years. If the tax passes it could generate \$900,000 a year for an approximate \$9 million over a 10-year period.

Our Bedford Township supervisor said, "One of the biggest parts of the roads plan ... will be plowing our subdivisions first." The township would subcontract two

employees and buy two plow trucks that would be used only for the township.

My questions are:

1. Monroe County Road Commission owns the roads in the Bedford township subdivisions. Does the Road Commission allow us to do this?

2. Why buy two new trucks? Why not bid this out to a private contractor? Who would be responsible for drivers, maintenance, gas, salt and insurance for their equipment? The bidders should have a contract which states their specific duties and responsibilities with a default clause if they don't perform.

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3. Why not keep as much of the millage money to repair and upgrade our township roads?

4. If this millage passes, who is responsible for the contracting of road repairs, upgrades, and the type of materials used; Monroe County Road Commission or Bedford Township?

5. What happens when one of the purchased plow trucks is down for repairs/maintenance and it snows?

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