

I feel it is time for the township to start cutting back on ordinances that are making it hard for small business's to operate and make a profit in this township. Recently I installed a sign on the roof of my business the reads car wash. I was told by the code officer as i was paying my sewer bill that i need a permit and inspection by building code. I said i would remove it before i would pay for permission to improve my business. I could see if it was on the township right of way but on my actual building that i pay the morgage, taxes that are twice as much as they should be as venango county feels it is worth twice what my appraisal purchase price was, and will not lower them. I feel the townshiip should be taking care of roads, water, sewer and fire safety. They should not be in the parks , festivals and the library business. Tax dollars are collected to maintain infastructure. You will say we used cbgd fund to do alot of this, but we should use it for more important things, . I read recently on the internet a court case that involved our junk ordinance, from what i read the court stated it was unenforceable. After the amount of money the township has spent writing, passing and trying to enforce this ordinance only to find out it is not enforceable, myself as a business owner would expect a refund from the law firm that collected all that money. We should at least spend our money wisely on things that are not wasteful. I have spend quite a considerable amount of money on new laundry equipment and i am in the process of replacing the car wash equipment, but have decided not to invest anymore in this area. I have wash's in other areas and they have stated i can put a sign on my building without asking for thier permission so i will spend my money in those areas. If you only learned one thing this past november it should be that people are getting fed up with government trying to control all aspects of business. You are here to oversee the operation of the township not to decide for people and business's what is best for them. I know someone has to oversee building and developement, but things are getting too intrusive in what a person can and cant do on thier own property. I will finish up a few things I started, but feel other areas appreciate small businesses more. A business should not have to pay for permission to improve thier property if it is not a major renovation. This is not Pittsburg or New York. By the looks of the vacant property and empty businesses around here I feel you should be trying to help ,not discourage improvements. As soon as the snow melts off of my roof I am removing the sign and placing it on another wash in a different township.

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