

## Spafford's byways

To the editor:

The effects on the infrastructure in the town of Spafford, such as our roads, due to the increase in development is becoming very evident.

For example, at a recent town board meeting the degradation of Lanning Road was discussed. A temporary repair was estimated to cost \$4,000. The construction of a very large lakeside estate off Lanning Road, has been ongoing for years and may continue into next spring. Neighbors can attest to the large trucks delivering materials and equipment to the site. I asked the town board that evening why a request in writing could not be made to the party building the estate to contribute funds to return the road to it's pre-construction condition. No action was taken on my suggestion by the board that evening.

At a subsequent meeting the topic was raised again by the highway supervisor and he stated we would probably not be able to ask for any contribution toward the repair of this road, as this should have been addressed in the building permit. I left the meeting that night wondering whose responsibility was that?

The town of Spafford hires a person as a consultant to act as a building inspector and a town board member is given the job of the zoning officer to sign permits. Apparently neither of these individuals saw fit to address the impact on Lanning Rd. due to this huge project. Now the taxpayers of Spafford will be picking up the tab. It is obvious to me we presently do not have the personnel in place who are willing or capable to have the foresight and commitment to address these concerns when issuing building permits and as a result the citizens of Spafford are left in a very vulnerable situation. It is my hope that on election day the voters in Spafford cast their vote for the candidates with the skills and commitment to better protect the citizens from the financial impact of development on our town's infrastructure.

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