

# Defunding of Township Roads

Supervisor Urso and Dan Rogers anonymous Facebook page, “Protect Knollwood”, claims that our team will be defunding the Roads for the unincorporated area (see screenshot below). **Yet, Supervisor Urso has already defunded the Roads for the unincorporated area, by \$320,740!**



**Protect Knollwood**

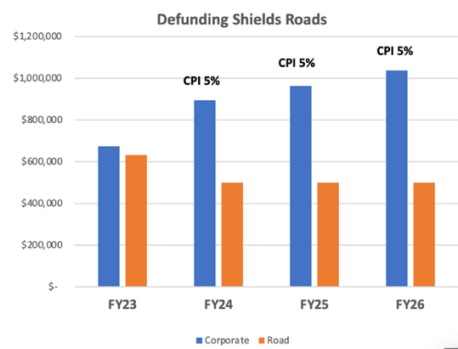
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Kathy Blahunka is running for Shields Township Supervisor. Her platform includes

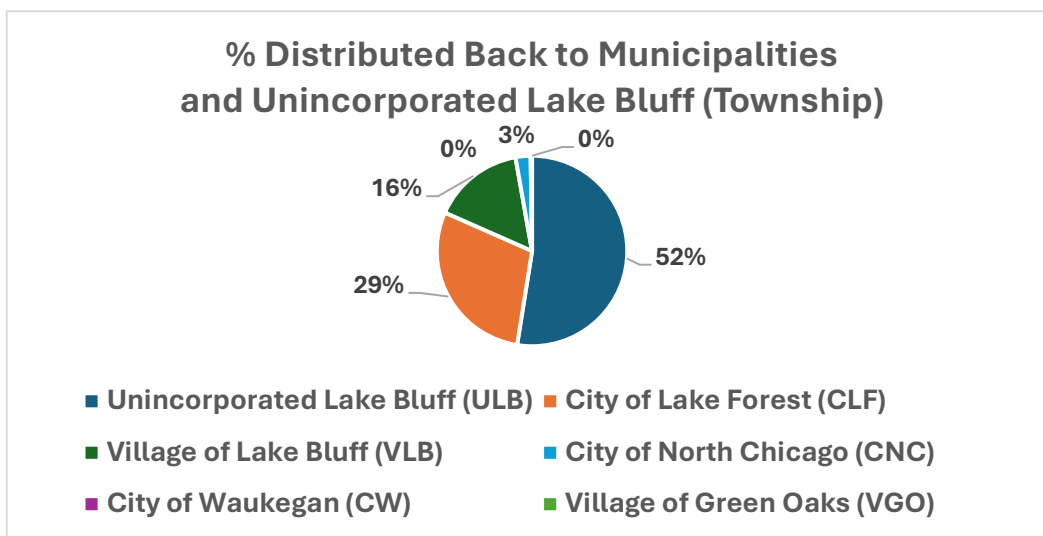
- 1) Defunding our Knollwood and Arden Shore Township Roads
- 2) Removing and eliminating future speed humps
- 3) Firing Road Staff, to slow down services and plowing in Knollwood and Arden Shore
- 4) Elimination of any possible food pantry

**Shields Township Roads have been defunded over the past 3 years by \$605,169.** In December of 2022, when approving the levy (tax) increase of 6%, Supervisor Urso lowered the Road Fund from \$630,000 to \$500,000, transferring the levy increase of \$137,800 to the Shields Township Corporate Fund. The current board and administration have maintained the Road Fund at \$500,000 for 3 years now, while continuing to take the levy increases on the money transferred to the Corporate Fund. By the end of February 28, 2026, the unincorporated areas of Shields Township will have lost \$320,740, Lake Forest will have lost \$175,499, Lake Bluff will have lost \$90,775 and North Chicago will have lost \$18,155 in Road Fund distributions. **If the Road Fund was not lowered it would be up to \$736,250, instead of the current \$500,000.**

At the November of 2022 levy planning meeting, Dan Rogers told the Board of Trustees of the need for the maximum possible CPI increase to the Road Fund portion of the levy. In December of 2022, Supervisor Urso listed the amount of levy per fund and the Board voted to approve. He never explained to the Board that he lowered the Road Fund by \$130,000. Nor did he explain, by lowering the Road Fund levy, he was taking dollars away from the unincorporated area as well as the municipalities within the Township that the Board Members represented. **The Corporate Fund (blue bars) has grown 54%, from \$674,000 to over \$1 million in 3 years.** The Corporate Fund is now more than twice the Road Fund (orange bars).



Most people are not aware that Shields Township levies Road Taxes for all the communities within the district. Shields Township includes the southern half of the City of North Chicago, the entire Village of Lake Bluff, a northern section of the City of Lake Forest, Great Lakes Navy Base, a very small section of the City of Waukegan and the Village of Green Oaks. Unincorporated Lake Bluff receives 52% of the Road Funds via the Township tax distribution. The County distributes the other 48% of taxes proportionally back to the municipalities within the Township. The chart below shows the portions of tax funds distributions. (Note the portion distributed back to the of City of Waukegan and the Village of Green Oaks is less than 1% so does not show a pie wedge in the chart.)



Lake Forest receives 29%, the Village of Lake Bluff receives 16%, and the City of North Chicago receive 3% of the taxes, with less than 1% going back to the Village of Green Oaks and the City of Waukegan.