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Washington Township 20 YEAR TAX INCREASE PROPOSAL socks taxpayers for \$25M in shaky Total Sports Soccer Stadium money pit

Washington Township, September 4, 2019

Freedom of Information requests reveal **bombshell information** about the 20 Year tax increase proposal currently on the November 5, 2019 ballot, including a potential second new tax increase.

1. Special 32% Property Tax Cut for Total Sports Soccer Stadium in 2019!

Total Sports Soccer Stadium Business owners claimed their Facility and land was **only worth \$5.3 million** in a March 19, 2019 petition to the Washington Township Board of Review and was granted a **special 32% tax cut** (\$39,845). By State law, the Washington Township Board has the power to overturn tax reductions, but choose to approve of the special 32% tax cut.

2. Washington Township wants to pay \$11.5 million which is \$6.2 Million (217%) over what Total Sports and Washington Township said Total Sports was worth!

A few months after the special 32% tax cut to a \$5.3 million valuation, Washington Township agrees to buy Total Sports Soccer Stadium for **\$11.5 million--a 217% increase!**

3. Taxpayers will have to pay Total Sports Stadium's \$464,000 Sewer bond obligations if voters approve a 20 year \$25 million tax increase to purchase Total Sports Soccer Stadium.

4. Taxpayers shouldn't buy a money losing, Sports Facility. Total Sports lost \$42,284 in 2018.

Entire cost of taxpayers purchasing the money losing Total Sports Soccer Stadium is estimated to be over \$25 million, including \$11.5 purchase price, \$3.1 million in interest, \$2.5 million in lost business taxes, \$3.5 million in Township cash, \$2.4 in Parks cash and more costs. Analysis of the proposed November 5th "Sneak Attack" Recreational Tax reveals that the cost of the project to be approximately \$25 Million over the term. For every man, woman and child the cost burden will be approximately \$900 or about \$3,600 for a family of four.

Additional Key Facts:

A second new recreation tax is already being considered.

Washington Township sold Total Sports 80 acres of land for \$500,000 in 2013.

Over \$2.5 million in Tax revenue would be forfeited with a Township take over of this private business

Tax hike proposal is for 20 YEARS vs. The historic reasonable 4 year term which holds them accountable

Current funding bill doesn't expire until 2020 – no need for a sneak attack election with fewer than 8% expect to vote! Over 60% of residents will vote in the 2020 Presidential election.

Residents will have to pay an additional fees to use facility

Schools will lose out even more as no 6% sales tax on all township capital improvements and supplies

Government ownership means even more losses, spending increases, incompetence and inefficiencies with many problems in the current Recreation Department.

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Quotes:

“When It Comes to real estate, is It ever OK to overpay? Let alone DOUBLE the valuation?”

“Is it not ironic that Washington Township is willing to pay \$6.2 million above its Value as determined by the Washington Twp. Assessor in 2019?”

“At 8am, on the last day permitted, Washington Township voted to hold a “Sneak Attack” election on November 4, 2019 when fewer than 8% of residents are expected to vote rather than November 2020 when the recreation tax expires and over 60% will vote. All other Recreation tax questions were for a four-year period to force governments to prove their programs are running efficiently.”

“Certainly no one would pay more than double for a money losing or profitable business. Government management will mean even more inefficiencies and incompetence”.

“WHY spend so much money on a WANT when funding for MANDATED needs like SCHOOLS and ROADS are not fully met?”

“From toilet paper to tractors, sports equipment and gas, a Washington Township ownership means the sales taxes won't be paid. Government facilities don't pay state and national income taxes nor property tax”.

“At 8 am on Monday August 12, 2019, on the last day permitted by law, Washington Township voted to hold a “Sneak Attack” election on November 4, 2019 when fewer than 8% of residents are expected to vote rather than November 2020 when the recreation tax expires and over 60% will vote.”

About:

This release is based upon Freedom of Information Act requests filed and paid for by Dave Jaye, former State Legislator, County Commissioner and a Washington Township homeowner for over 27 years. Dave Jaye built a record as a Tax fighter and Budget cutter and served on the Executive Board of the Macomb County Taxpayers Association in addition to being invited to teach as a Professor of Freshman English, Undergraduate and Graduate School Business and Social Studies classes at several prestigious Universities in S. Korea and China. Dave Jaye a completed all PhD course work at Michigan State University and earned a Master's Degree in Public Policy/Economics and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science/Journalism, both earned with honors from the University of Michigan.

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