

## **Total Sports Stadium has only a Temporary Occupancy permit 21 months after opening because it owes \$1 million to Washington Township Taxpayers**

Washington Township, MI--

Total Sports must pay Washington Township \$992,892 in order to get a regular occupancy permit. Total Sports Soccer Stadium has been operating under a Temporary Occupancy permit since January 29, 2018, and its outdoor Soccer fields since 2016. The Professional Appraiser's analysis also valued Total Spots as worth \$6.4 million while Washington Township officials agreed to pay \$11.5 million for the property.

"The \$1 million owed by Total Sports to Washington Township taxpayers now makes the \$11.5 million sales price an over \$12.5 million bailout of a money-losing business", said Dave Jaye, who paid for the Freedom of Information request. *"When It Comes to real estate, is It ever OK to overpay? Let alone over twice of valuation? Total Sports is a money-losing, deadbeat business owing taxpayers \$1 million for over a year and a half. This unpaid bill is the \$1 million nail in the coffin of the reckless 20-year Tax increase"*.

Washington Township officials signed a deal to buy Total Sports for \$11.5 million even though:

1. Total Sports and Washington Township agreed that Total Sports was only worth \$5.4 million on March 14, 2019 Board of Review and gave Total Sports a 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. Total Sport's Building permit claimed the value of the Building was \$5,048,621 plus 80 acres purchased from Washington Township for \$500,000 in 2013 = \$5,548,621
3. The Professional Appraiser hired by Washington Township, Wieme, Rende, and Assoc. P.C. 248-649-3925 estimated that Total Sports Soccer Stadium and land was only worth \$6.4 million in a May 23, 2019 report.
4. The cost of buying Total Sports with the 20 year bond (loan) is \$31 million including \$11.5 purchase price, \$3.1 million in interest, \$7 million in lost business taxes, \$1 million in unpaid fees to Washington Township taxpayers, \$3.5 million in Township cash, \$2.4 in Parks cash and more costs.

**5. A Government take over of Total Sports Business means Schools and governments will lose over \$7 Million in taxes.** Even at the 32% lower tax, rejecting the Total Sports Soccer Stadium Bailout would keep Total Sports paying approximately \$7 million in property tax, state and federal income taxes and state sales tax for our schools and governments. **Government-run facilities don't pay taxes.**

The entire 20-year tax increase will cost approximately \$51.5 million means approximately \$1,849 per man, woman, and child. **A family of four would save approximately \$7,395** if the 20-year tax increase were defeated.

6. Government-run Sports stadiums are money losers in Michigan (Pontiac Silver Dome, Joe Louis Arena, Pontiac Piston Summit Palace) and around the country. "From Toilet paper to tractors, sports equipment and gas, Washington Township government ownership means the sales taxes won't be paid".

The Wieme, Rende, and Assoc. P.C. 111-page appraisal and other source documents can be found at [www.usataxfighters.org](http://www.usataxfighters.org). Dave Jaye 586-488-5177 [dave.jaye55@gmail.com](mailto:dave.jaye55@gmail.com)