

Solicitor Coleman – I have never in my career seen this happen to any municipality. I did review the records and unfortunately the Township is in this position. The State adopted the budget with a \$473,871. Increase. I filed a lawsuit with the County Taxation Board to ask that the Township may this amount. The County is working with us and we are hoping that Kristen can transfer the money.

Mayor Gadd – We are going to do everything that we can to help the residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Please state your name & address for the record)

Mayor Gadd opened the meeting for Public Comments.

Charlene Lee – President of the Washington Township School Board – The School Board did everything that we could to avoid this issue. We could have taken a loan, but we would have been paying on this forever. Please support our School Board. I met with Dan on October 2, 2023 and asked for assistance.

Deputy Mayor James – You asked for a million, than \$600,000.

Mrs. Lee – We should have been able to work together.

Mr. Coleman – We there ever a formal letter sent to the Township?

Mrs. Lee – No

Mayor Gadd – In 2023 the School Board was given \$50,000 and you never asked for more money.

Mrs. Lee – I talked with Dan, but nothing was done.

Deputy Mayor James – We as a Township shouldn't pay your bills.

Mrs. Lee – You have money to have helped us.

Mayor Gadd – We have a budget and you have a budget. We have given what you have asked for in the past; you blamed us for all the troubles of the School Board.

Karen Melita – River Road, Lower Bank – it is a very difficult decision, it is all of our problems; we are here now for help.

Mayor Gadd – I have served on the School Board and this Committee is not fingerpointing, but there is two separate budgets. There is no other municipality that gives money to their School Board. They the School Board raises their money by the taxes.

Deputy Mayor James – I'm blaming you old professionals for getting the School and us into this position.

Horace Somes – Turtle Creek Road – The flood signs are not working properly, take the lights off and maybe just have a sign that the road may be flooded.

Mayor Gadd – I called the supervisor and nothing was done and they didn't call back. We asked for signs, but they didn't get delivered.

Horace Somes – I attended a State meeting and I believe all roads should be named the same, the State was using different names.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Committeeman Lewis, seconded by Deputy Mayor James to adjourn at 7:39PM.

Roll Call: Lewis, James, Gadd

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. Hand, Township Clerk