

“PILOT PROGRAM IN ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP”

A Shell Game Played with our Tax Dollars!

A few years back our town government came up with a great financial scheme to keep their budget under control. It is called the PILOT Program (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes). What this really did is allow the township municipal government to take almost all of the revenue for developments covered by this program directly into the municipal budget. Municipal government then looks good because they have little or no tax increase in the municipal budget.

This all sounds great, so what is the fine print? **In reality this does not lower anyone's taxes.** This scheme simply places more of the tax burden to the school budget by not providing the school district with the fair percentage of taxes collected from these properties. It could get worse, right now these properties do not house many school age children. Who knows what the future could bring?

To summarize, you taxes still go up but the increase is shifted to the school tax levy instead on municipal levy. The all democrat controlled council will tell you how they have kept taxes under control, yet the municipal budget has been rising at average rate of 5% a year. Where is the money coming from? PILOT programs and new housing that is assessed at market value. Their irresponsible development is one of the drivers of the school tax increases; don't believe otherwise.

Remember a tax dollar is a tax dollar and the school board does not control development in the town! It's time for new leadership. It's time for responsible development. It's time for change! A vote for Anthony Garaguso, John Gartly, Tomas Aljian and Leon Matchin is a vote for new leadership, a vote real leadership.