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IN RE: MATTER OF LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

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PETITION TO INCREASE TAXES
PURSUANT TO 53 P.S. § 68205

NOW, comes the Board of Supervisors of Lawrence Township, by and through its counsel, James A. Naddeo, and petitions this Honorable Court to increase the taxes levied averring as follows:

1. Lawrence Township (hereinafter "Township") is presently at its debt limit of 13.6 mills.
2. The Township is unable to maintain services at its present debt limit, and currently needs to upgrade its systems and equipment.
3. Increased mileage is required for the following items and services:
 - a. Rehabilitation of sanitary sewers and manholes;
 - b. Purchase of fire equipment and maintenance equipment;
 - c. Wage increases;
 - d. Fuel price increases;
 - e. Workers' compensation increases.

4. Estimated costs for the above-referenced services are as follows:

a. The rehabilitation of sanitary sewers and manholes is estimated at 3.5 million dollars. The Township will also need interim financing for engineering fees and construction costs. Construction is expected to be complete in three (3) years.

b. The purchase of fire equipment and maintenance of equipment is estimated at 1 million dollars over three (3) years.

c. Total wages in 1999 amounted to \$705,381.39. Incremental increases of 5% are expected for 2000, 2001 and 2002.

d. Gas and diesel fuel in 1999 costs amounted to \$17,200.00. Estimated costs for 2000 are \$30,068.00.

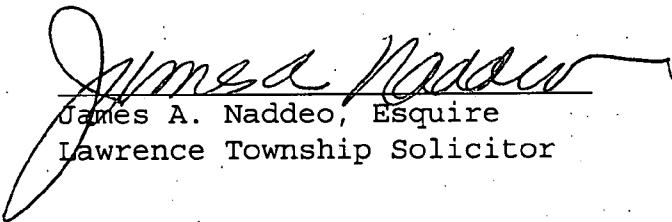
e. Workers' compensation costs in 1999 amounted to \$79,692.00. Estimated costs for 2000 are \$102,000.00.

5. There have been no tax increases since 1994.

6. 52 P. S. Section 68205(a)(1)&(b) provides that the Court of Common Pleas may order an increase in millage upon petition of the board of supervisors.

WHEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Lawrence Township respectfully requests the Court enter an order raising township taxes five (5) mills.

Respectfully submitted,



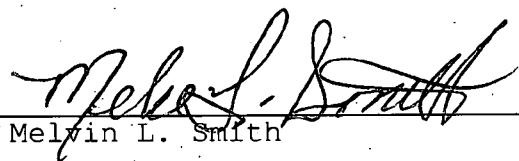
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Lawrence Township Solicitor

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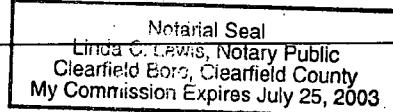
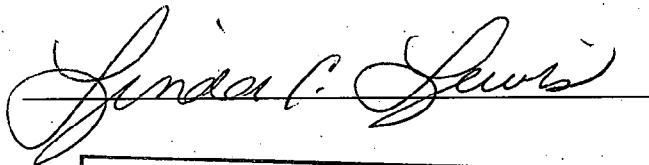
COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD)

Before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared MELVIN L. SMITH, Chairman of the Lawrence Township Board of Supervisors who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and states that the facts set forth in the foregoing Petition are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



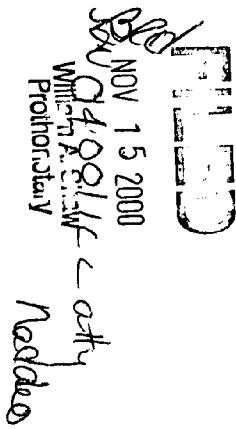
Melvin L. Smith

SWORN and SUBSCRIBED before me this 7th day of November, 2000.



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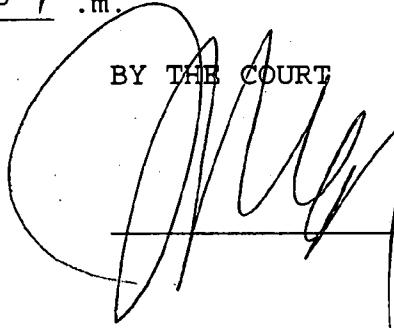
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ORDER

AND NOW, this 15th day of November, 2000, upon
consideration of the Petition of the Board of Supervisors of
Lawrence Township requesting an increase of five mills FOR
general fund purposes, it is the ORDER of this Court that
hearing upon said Petition be and is hereby granted. Said
hearing to be held on in Court Room No. 1 of the Clearfield
County Court House, Clearfield, Pennsylvania, on the 27th day
of December, 2000 at 1:30 P.m.

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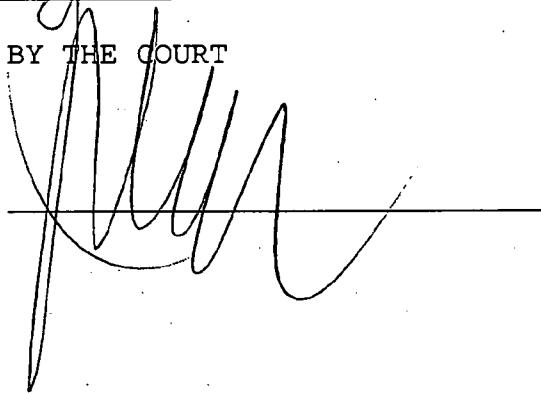
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ORDER

AND NOW, this 21st day of November, 2000, upon motion of James A. Naddeo, Solicitor for Lawrence Township, it is the ORDER Of Court that hearing in this matter originally scheduled to be heard in the Main Court Room of the Clearfield County Court House on December 27, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. is hereby continued and a new hearing date is hereby set at the same location on the 3rd day of January, 2001 at 1:30 P. m.

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ORDER

AND NOW, this 3rd day of January, 2001, after hearing held upon the Petition of Lawrence Township requesting that the Court permit the Township to exceed its debt limit of 13.6 mills by adding additional 5 mills for use to the general fund of the Township, the Court finds as follows:

1. That the Township has had no tax increase since 1994.

2. That the Township's current tax base is insufficient to enable the Township to maintain services at its present debt limit due in part to inflation as well as increases in labor, fuel and insurance costs.

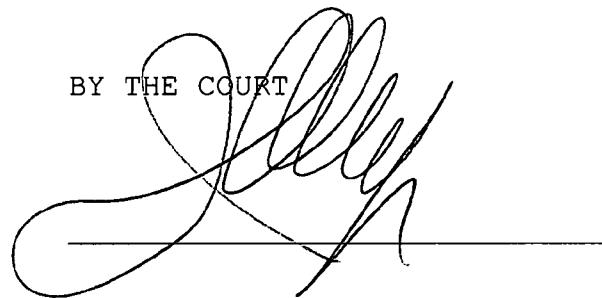
3. That the Township is currently in need of upgrading its systems and equipment, particularly its sewage system and fire protection capability.

4. That the Township's request to assess an additional 5 mills beyond its debt limit for use to its general fund is necessary.

THEREFORE, it is an Order of this Court that Lawrence Township be and is hereby granted the right to levy an

additional 5 mills in real estate taxes beyond its statutory debt limit of 13.6 mills for use to its general fund.

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