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Impacts on Taxes

The CRAA argues that the proposed asphalt plant would **increase municipal costs (roads, infrastructure, services) without generating sufficient revenue**, leading to **higher taxes or financial burdens for residents**.

Increased Road Maintenance Costs

- Heavy truck traffic from the proposed asphalt plant is expected to **accelerate road damage**, requiring costly repairs.
- These **long-term maintenance and reconstruction costs fall on local taxpayers**, not the developer.

Infrastructure Upgrades Funded by Taxpayers

- Roadways like Telephone Road are **not designed for industrial traffic**, meaning upgrades may be required.
- CRAA suggests these upgrades could cost **millions**, creating pressure for **higher municipal taxes**.

Limited or Unclear Municipal Revenue

- The proposed operation may generate **little or no additional revenue** for the Township. ()
- Existing fees are described as **minimal ("pennies per ton")** and may not apply to asphalt production.

Costs Exceed Benefits

- CRAA argues that **financial returns from the project are insufficient** to offset infrastructure damage and service costs.
- Result: a **net financial burden on residents**, effectively subsidizing a private operation. ()

Indirect Tax Pressure via Property Values

- Potential **declines in property values** (linked to industrial impacts) can reduce the tax base, shifting the burden onto remaining taxpayers.