

Resolution No 79-100

WHEREAS, local highway expenditures are expected to rise from \$363 million in 1975 to \$470 million in 1980, but State highway aid to municipalities is only expected to increase from \$83.4 million in 1975 to \$93.7 million in 1980; and

WHEREAS, local highway expenditures are financed through local tax revenues, primarily from property taxes, and are increasing at an annual rate of 11%, and municipalities are now spending the equivalent of 10.6 mills in taxes on property for local roads and streets; and

WHEREAS, State Highway aid to municipalities from the liquid fuels tax is expected to drop from 18.7% in 1975 to 16.6% of total local highway expenditures by 1980; and

WHEREAS, the State highway system is completely financed through highway user revenues (gasoline taxes), but municipalities must tax property and use other local tax sources to finance construction and maintenance of the 65,000 miles of local roads in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation estimates it is in need of an additional \$200 million annually to adequately finance the State highway system, and has called for an additional 3½¢ gasoline tax be enacted by the Pennsylvania Legislature; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have historically received 20% of the State collected, locally shared liquid fuels taxes;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Hopewell urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly to earmark 20% of any proposed gasoline tax increase to municipalities, to help off-set the rising costs of local highway construction and maintenance and keep the real property tax from rising; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the Resolution be sent to the Governor, Senator and House members and to the State Association.

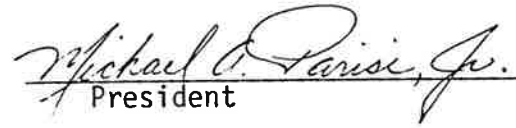
ADOPTED THE 11th DAY OF January, 1979.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP


Secretary

BY


President