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Motorsports park indebted to Millville

Officials of the New Jersey Motorsports Park are indebted to the surrounding residents of Millville and all taxpayers. Without the huge amounts of money (corporate welfare) on the backs of the taxpayers, the NJMP probably would not exist today.

The 15-year tax pilot program allows the NJMP to not pay its fair share of taxes to the city and causes the county rate to increase to all county residents; the huge amounts of funding for water and sewer extensions and for water towers paid for by the homeowners and businesses who have water and sewer service in Millville; the huge amount of state funding for environmental studies and cleanup; the sale of the city land to the NJMP at below market price; the huge amounts of taxpayer's monies paid to consultants, lawyers, engineers and other associated costs granted by Millville City Commission add up to tens of millions of dollars contributing to the tax burden on all of us.

Another cost the NJMP has brought to the citizens surrounding the track is depreciation in quality of life in the form of very annoying noise. To some, this may be music to their ears, but to so many more it can be a total nuisance, not to mention possible health issues. The days of enjoying an unstressful and quiet weekend or weekday within two to three miles of the track are numbered.

The owners and officials of the NJMP lobbied the local politicians to secure these funds and services in behind-the-scenes meetings. It would have been nice if the general public could have voted on these items, but that did not happen. With the NJMP's acceptance of this welfare from the taxpayers, it should show its gratitude to these people, show them that they really care and appreciate what the citizens are sacrificing on their behalf. The owners and officials of the NJMP must not thumb their nose at this very important issue and must do something to alleviate the noise. To do nothing will shamefully show their total disrespect for their neighbors.

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