

LIBRARY FACTS

WHY NOT EXPAND CURRENT BUILDING

- ☒ Current building is not structurally capable of more weight or additional height
- ☒ If expanded toward Rt 309, parking lot would be lost. No additional space available.
- ☒ Build toward rear would require a new Public Works Garage in the Field of Dreams
- ☒ Can't build toward Ft Washington Ave because it is a landfill not capable of supporting a heavy structure

LIBRARY COST

- ✓ Cost of buying and repurposing building was with NO tax increase
- ✓ Operating cost for 2020 will be an additional \$25 in taxes and \$12 in 2021.
- ✓ Taxes forecast to DECREASE by \$50 per year due to debt elimination within 5 years and DECREASE another \$55 within 10 years
- ✓ \$1.75M received in grants
- ✓ \$2M anticipated from private funding
- ✓ Grants and private funding will reimburse Community Reinvestment Fund

WHY A NEW LIBRARY

- ★ Current library is too small. Ten years of study by task forces and resident groups have determined that the library must expand beyond its current size.
- ★ Programs are being cancelled due to lack of available space.
- ★ Over 170,000 visits per year
- ★ Space needed for Police Department. Current area was designed almost 20 years ago. Police force size of 40 members is stressed to protect you with its limited resources.
- ★ New building will be extensively used by Parks & Recreation for programs. It will also be a Community Center.
- ★ Advanced STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) area
- ★ Children's area away from main adult area for quiet

CANCELLING PROJECT WILL COST

TAXPAYERS OVER \$14,000,000

- ★ The township has already spent \$7M on the project. Contracts of over \$6.3M issued which MUST be paid.
- ★ To recover all costs would require selling the building for almost 3 times its purchase price that has been fitted out to be a library.
- ★ Building slated to open within 6 months