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Builders and developers aren't shy about their opposition to a proposed Hamilton Twp. impact fee. The administration building was packed at an April 11 public hearing on the subject.

Such a fee would be a one-time payment for new infrastructures being built and would go into four separate accounts — park, police, fire and roads. It would pay for new infrastructure costs, but not the continued operational costs or salaries.

"One of the reasons they're looking at these fees is the township provides what we consider a very high level of service," Township Zoning and Planning Administrator Gary Boeres said. "With them, we can continue having excellent police, excellent fire, great parks and roads operating correctly."

Concerns voiced to the board included the rising the cost of homes, stunting growth due to the high cost of building, neighbors paying different prices for homes in the same community and grandfather clauses.

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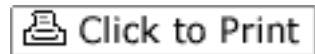
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