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**MAYOR HORNIK BLASTS COUNTY TAX BOARD FOR FAILURE TO SUSPEND  
ASSESSMENT DEMONSTRATION PILOT PROGRAM  
Township Council Formally Calls for Suspension**

**MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY**– Following the Monmouth County Tax Board’s decision on October 20, 2015 to leave the Monmouth County Tax Assessment Demonstration Pilot Program in place, Mayor Jonathan Hornik criticized the body for failing to take action to suspend the program. At the Marlboro Township Council meeting held on October 22, 2015, the Council members echoed Mayor Hornik’s criticism by unanimously passing Resolution #2015-325 formally calling for the County to suspend the Tax Assessment Demonstration Program.

Mayor Hornik stated, “The claim by some that this program is the answer to New Jersey’s property tax problem is preposterous. The program does not fairly and accurately reflect market value, it inappropriately interferes with local tax assessors and it has a disproportionate adverse effect on residential and senior citizen property taxpayers.”

County Boards of Taxation members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the New Jersey State Senate. Board members receive a salary set by statute and paid by the State Treasurer.

“This Board is appointed and confirmed at the State level. We are at the point where the State must get involved,” stated Hornik. “The pilot program is flawed at its core, and we are learning that its execution may be seriously flawed as well”.

Councilman Mike Scalea, who put forth the motion for a vote, concurred saying, “I am astonished by the Tax Board’s inaction. With all of the disruption caused by this program over the past year, topped off by the recent revelations reported in the Asbury Park Press, a ‘time-out’ was certainly in order here. The Monmouth County Tax Board just dropped the ball.”

Mayor Hornik indicated that his next step will be to make an official request of Marlboro’s State Legislative delegation and the Office of the Governor to become more actively engaged in the matter of the pilot program.

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