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**MAYOR HORNIK LOOKS TO JOIN AVON LAWSUIT CALLING FOR SUSPENSION
OF COUNTY PILOT TAX PROGRAM**

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY—Following the Monmouth County Tax Board’s decision not to take any action concerning the Monmouth County Assessment Demonstration Pilot program, Mayor Jonathan Hornik directed the Marlboro Township Attorney to contact the Borough of Avon who announced plans to file a lawsuit against the Monmouth County Tax Board.

Hornik, a vocal critic of the Monmouth County Tax Assessment Demonstration Pilot Program since its inception took steps last week to criticize the Monmouth County Tax Board for its failure to take action to suspend the program. In addition, the Marlboro Township Council approved Resolution 2015-325 on October 22nd also calling upon the Tax Board to suspend the Pilot Program. A copy of the resolution was transmitted to the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders, the Monmouth County Tax Board, State Senator Joseph Kyrillos, State Assembly Members Declan O’Scanlon and Amy Handlin.

Mayor Hornik stated, “Monmouth County towns are uniting in opposition to this program. At this stage, Marlboro is exploring all of its options, including Avon’s call for legal action. The Tax Board needs to take responsibility for the vote they took to order this program into effect. If they had the authority to impose the program against our wishes in the first place, it is hard to fathom how they lack the authority to repeal it.”

At Mayor Hornik’s direction, the Township Attorney spoke to Avon’s Legal Counsel yesterday.

The Township has sent out numerous communications via mail and email since the Assessment Demonstration Pilot Program was announced by the Monmouth County Tax Board. The program has been met with a steady stream of complaints concerning the purpose of the program and how it was being conducted.

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