HORNIK CAMPAIGN RESPONDS TO REPUBLICANS LATEST ROUND OF ATTACKS.

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MARLBORO – In our opponents' continuing efforts to throw accusations at the wall to see what sticks, they are now attacking Jon Hornik for defending the taxpayers. Our opponents do not even understand how local government operates. The Monmouth County Tax Board certifies the assessed values for residents in the Township.

Our opponents almost seem angry about the fact that taxes have gone down on the municipal level, which is hard to believe from people who say they want to represent Marlboro taxpayers and tout themselves as "Positively Marlboro".

Meanwhile, the Marlboro Board of Education, of which our opponent John Dwyer was a member until he abruptly quit to run for Council, chose to raise the budget almost 6 ½ percent, representing an additional \$4.36 million in taxes to be paid by Marlboro residents. After raising taxes on Marlboro residents, Dwyer then decided to quit the School Board to pursue his current political agenda.

From the outset, Mayor Hornik has spoken out against the Monmouth County Assessment Demonstration Pilot Program. He has argued that the values arrived at under the program were not reflective of market value. Above all, the program subjects taxpayers to wild fluctuations in annual assessments, and effectively has eliminated the avenue to appeal a tax assessment. This is why he called for the program to be immediately suspended after the recent Asbury Park Press investigation.

The real question is why hasn't the Goldberg, Dwyer and Allex campaign spoke out against the same program like Mayor Hornik. When it comes to standing up for Marlboro residents, they are silent, just like Dwyer was on the Board of Education when they raised taxes on Marlboro residents.

With just over two weeks left until Election Day, we can only imagine what other wild accusations our opponents will hurl our way. In the meantime, Mayor Hornik, Councilpersons Marder and Scalea will continue discussing the issues that impact all Marlboro residents on a daily basis. The fact remains that this Mayor and Council have consolidated local services, cut unnecessary township jobs, preserved open space and delivered a reduction in taxes