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Dear Assembly members,

If you are a local property owner you were most likely shocked to see the increase in your property values from the 22 to the 23 assessment. I realize that the relative shortage in local housing has caused an increase in recent home selling prices. I also realize that recent house and land sale prices tend to drive the assessments. I also realize I can appeal my assessment. My hope is that the increases in property values do not automatically bring a windfall to the borough in the form of property taxes and lead to a subsequent spending spree. The borough government seldom gets smaller, we always seem to want newer, more powerful, and bigger stuff. We want more employees, more and newer vehicles, and more buildings and property to house them and their stuff in.

Please take a breath when you see what the recent property assessments will bring to your borough check books. Please consider lowering the mill rate to curb the potential upswing in borough spending.

If I could be considered an average property owner, consider that the assessment for my house and the property where it resides increased in assessment by \$23,800 between 21 and 22, and then another \$44,500 more between 22 and 23. I hope the borough budget doesn't increase accordingly.

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