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**From:** Donna Marsh <runnergirl1@icloud.com>  
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Dear Borough assembly and Mayor Jensen:

I am opposed to giving Borough employees an extra week of PTO from covid ARRP funds to the tune of ~\$140000. The argument presented in the proposal in favor of such a move is that these employees were and are essential to the running of the Borough government. They are. However they are not more essential than the employees at the grocery stores, the canneries, or the other local stores around town. And it was the Borough government who shut this town down. Reminds me of the fox guarding the chicken coop and in the end, the fox is given a chicken or 2 for doing such a good job. I appreciate the workforce of this city: there are many exceptional employees in both Borough and private business who are part of the life blood of this community. I don't see that govt employees are any more deserving of an extra week of PTO than those of any other business, fisherman, or grocery store staff. How about the Borough use those funds for improving the unpaved roads in town where there are so many potholes, it makes sense to avoid driving on them so as to not shorten the life of one's vehicle?

Secondly, the capital projects list shows the new hospital in the number one spot, for \$88,000,000, some of which has already been allocated. This cost might have been somewhat close to actual cost in 2016-2017. Look at inflation numbers now (guaranteed they will not improve anytime soon), supply chain issues, shortage of work force..... realistically we are looking at at least double that figure. The assembly and hospital have still yet to provide the public with the economic basis and viability of such a massive undertaking in not just cost of construction but years down the road as that is maintained. Let's put this before the voters for it is they, their children and grandchildren who will bear this cost.

Thank you.  
Donna Marsh