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MAYOR HORNIK TO TESTIFY IN FRONT OF NJ ASSEMBLY

Will Speak in Support of Senior Property Tax Reduction

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (June 7, 2023) — Mayor Jonathan Hornik will speak in support of a 50% property tax reduction for seniors at the New Jersey State Assembly hearing in Trenton on Thursday, June 8, 2023.

Mayor Jon Hornik stated, "I welcome the opportunity to speak in front of the Assembly about this important issue. Fourteen percent (14%) of Marlboro residents are aged 65 and over. Many of them raised their families here and are now grandparents whose children and grandchildren have moved back home to raise their families. They want nothing more than to be able to afford to remain here close to their families."

Utilizing 2020 census and 2022 tax rate information, it is estimated that more than 6,000 residents are aged 65 years or older pay and more than \$23 million per year in local taxes, approximately \$16 million of which goes to our schools.

Mayor Hornik continued, "Our senior population are some of our best community volunteers, active in community events and most of our veterans are seniors. Within Marlboro, we have reduced senior rates for town programs including swim club memberships and commuter parking and, where most recreation programs are user based fees, senior recreation programming is subsidized through taxpayer funds and are free or at a low cost." He added, "Senior Citizens are already footing the bill for schools, long after their kids and even grandkids have graduated from them, and we do what we can to give them a break. That said, there is only so much that can be done at the local level and so I am grateful to Speaker Craig Coughlin for inviting me to testify at this important hearing."

The hearing will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday and may watched virtually by visiting https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/

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