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Village Board Members and Staff,

Please consider this letter a formal protest against the methods being used by the Village of Pleasant Prairie for ever-increasing assessments for Carol Beach property owners.

Although one or two homes in Carol Beach have sold in excess of \$1,000,000, and one lot sold for \$450,000, the majority of the homes in Carol Beach are **NOT** in this price range. If you will check the records, you will see that one home on Lakeshore Drive sold for \$279,000 and one home on 87th Place sold for \$184,000 approximately a month ago. Furthermore, how does one benefit if a neighboring property is sold for an over-inflated price? It appears the mindset of 'sell and get out' is part of the neighborly model that you believe is right.

It has been 'explained' that YOU have no choice but to do this since the 'state' requires this method of re-evaluation. We say **NO** — reviewing WI Statute 70.05 reveals that (b) this is not required any more frequently than 5 years, and (d), (f), and (g) suggest that this could be stretched to up to 6 years without the state doing their own re-evaluation. And this is ALL within current law.

In a larger sense, though, what is happening in Carol Beach is symptomatic of what is happening to many areas in the State of Wisconsin. Appreciating areas are being forced to carry a larger share of the burden and getting less back due to the fact that they are 'rich' areas. This sounds like SOCIALISM, and is not the American way. We reject the notion that 'nothing can be done' about this, and demand that you as our representatives get a little creative.

Carol Beach is a unique area and there is no cookie cutter way to increase assessments. Residents who have lived in Carol Beach for years are considering moving as they can no longer afford the taxes. There are presently approximately 20 homes "For Sale" on Lakeshore Drive alone — increased and unfair assessments are undoubtedly part or all of the reason.

We formally petition that the increased assessments for Carol Beach be re-evaluated in keeping values consistent with the majority of homes rather than the exceptions.

Patrick Ginnaty-Moore
Secretary

By direction of the Board of the Carol Beach Property Owners Association