

Taxes Going Up?

By now we're all reading glowing reports from Cohocton's current leaders about how much they've been doing for all of us these past several years. But **have you taken time to watch your tax bill** lately? Some of us have been noticing pretty dramatic annual increases, even 10% or more, but nothing quite like what's just come in the mail. With the new "reassessment" **our tax bill has just gone up 31%** since last year! What about yours? Maybe your family is on a favored list, and your taxes have actually gone down. But **what about the rest of us?**

What is going to happen to our taxes?

- *Will they go down under the current administration if we get promised cash infusions from UPC Wind? No guarantees here.*
- *Who will review the recent reassessment, noting carefully whose taxes went up, whose went down, and why? The same people who were in charge of the reassessment process? Not on your life.*
- *If a chunk of cash rolls into our coffers in 2008, who's likely to vote themselves a handsome pay raise? New folks, or some proud incumbents who think they're worth a hearty pat on the back?*
- *Who will have the courage to tackle the thorny fiscal problems we're facing? The people who created them? Highly unlikely.*

Right now we have a **painfully polarized group** of leaders that can only think about rewarding windmill supporters and making life difficult for the rest of us. **We need new people in office** who can examine our tax situation fairly, not the same YES folks who, perhaps sincerely, keep misleading us deeper and deeper into liability.

Elections in Cohocton have often been decided in the Republican primary races, coming up on September 18th, but this year may be different. Review the qualified slate of **Reform Cohocton candidates** online at www.cohocton.net. Then come to the Cohocton Elementary School on September 11th at 7 pm for the **Public Candidate Forum**, pray with us for wisdom and justice, and let your voice be heard!

