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Before the last local election, I warned you that Chris Burdick, then running for Supervisor, held a secret meeting with the town's Teamster employees and promised that if they supported him, he'd be their guy.

Well, not enough of you made it to the polls. Chris got elected by a couple hundred votes, and now it's payback time for the union.

Specifically, he is asking the board to vote on a new contract that allows the town's blue collar employees to pay a mere 0.75% of their salaries into their very generous healthcare plans. These plans cost about \$20,000 per family, and employees will only have to kick in about \$700, or 3.5% of the cost. You and I will cover the other 96.5%. On top of this, they are being given \$1150 just to sign the contract, so that should cover the first year and a half!

Contrast this with other towns around us like New Castle, North Salem, Lewisboro, and Somers. Employees in these towns kick in between 15 and 20% of costs. Why are we so much worse?

Or contrast this with the an agreement the town's white collar workers signed when Lee Roberts was Supervisor where they kick in 18%. So, a secretary making 45K could be paying over \$4000 towards healthcare while her blue collar counterpart making 70K pays \$700. Crazy. **Chris is paying off his political supporters with our money.**

He posted the agreement quietly on Friday afternoon, a classic move for when government officials don't want you to notice something. You can read it [here](#). The plan is to vote on it tomorrow night. I urge you to attend the meeting and voice your displeasure. **This is how taxpayers get screwed when they don't pay close attention, and this is a great example of why we pay the highest property taxes in the nation.** Unfortunately, I will be out of town and can't attend, but please consider going. If you can't, voice your opinion directly to the town board. Here are their emails:

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