



# VILLAGE OF OSSINING

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September 9, 2010

To: Supervisor Catherine Borgia  
Town Board

From: William Hanauer, Mayor  
Ossining Village Board  
Richard A. Leins, Village Manager

Re: Town of Ossining Counterproposal on Police Cooperation

The Village of Ossining is in receipt of the Town of Ossining Counterproposal in the above dated September 3, 2010 and forwarded by email on September 5, 2010.

The Village has reviewed same and, while it contains some elements which have been previously discussed, the Village respectfully stands by its proposal to the Town dated July 2, 2010 as updated September 3, 2010. The Village believes its proposal to the Town to be in the best interests of both communities. The Village does not agree that a successful joint police relationship can only be achieved by incorporating all items set forth in the Town's memorandum. While some have been discussed in the context of the three party ICMA study or been incorporated in proposals before the Town, for obvious reasons, several are on their face, unacceptable to the Village, such as the abrogation of Village Board responsibilities as Police Commissioners and authority over the Village Police Department. Also unacceptable are the dictating of terms of employment of the Village of Ossining Police Chief. In addition, the Village has clearly stated that it has no need for the use of the existing Town facility on North State Road in order to satisfy the police needs of the entire community.

The Village is rightfully proud of its police force and its service to our citizens. While the Village thanks the Town for its time in the development of a counterproposal, the Village is confident that it has provided a comprehensive proposal to the Town which is comparable to that submitted by the County of Westchester, and hopes that the Town will review same with an eye to collaboration in the providing of police services as we collaborate on providing services. Rather than set forth a new proposal coupled with a statement of non-negotiability which is not responsive to the Village's proposal, the Village respectfully suggests that the Town review and consider the Village's submission which it has taken much time and effort to produce, in furtherance of the police needs of our entire community.

cc: Philip Zegarelli, Village Manager  
Village of Briarcliff Manor  
Wayne Spector, Town Attorney