

Mayor Florek, Deputy Mayor Schatzle, Committeeman Engel
Committeeman Fitzgerald, Committeeman Eastman, and Borough
Administrator Bowden, I would like to thank you for allowing me to speak
in front of the Township Committee. In these extremely difficult times I
appreciate the time and energy you have been putting into protecting the
residence of Colts Neck by trying to balance this difficult budget. Having
said that, I am appalled at the fact that the township committee can put the
safety of the township residents and the safety of my fellow officers and
first responders in jeopardy by laying off two officers, and furloughing all
other officers 10 days each. The police department is already severely
understaffed.

In the past, members of the Colts Neck PBA have stepped up and
worked with the committee to save money for the township such as
voluntarily paying into our health benefits years ahead of-the state
mandating it, and we had four supervisors who deferred their raises in
2009 in order to save the township money. These are just a few examples
of how we have shown our dedication to the town, now we request that
the township committee to show their dedicated to us.

We sincerely hope that all possible due diligence has been put into
this budget, and that there is no other option except for public safety to be
affected. We request that the township committee reconsiders their decision
that will drastically affect the safety of this township. In these difficult times
emergency officers should not be cut, and we feel that the burden falls on
the committee to protect the residents of Colts Neck. Thank you for your
time.

Kristian DeVito

Colts Neck PBA Delegate