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Dear Upper Brookville Resident,

I would like to update you on the progress that has been made concerning the Old Brookville Police Department (OBPD). Many of you attended the April 21st and April 26th meetings held by the Upper Brookville Trustees. The purpose of those meetings was to discuss the Old Brookville Police Department and the ramifications caused by the withdrawal of the Village of Muttontown from that department. Since those meetings, the Village of Upper Brookville and the Villages of Brookville, Old Brookville, Matinecock, Mill Neck and Cove Neck (the Six Villages) have adopted a one year, interim agreement, so that we can work together to restructure the OBPD. The goal is to ensure that the level of police protection services we have come to expect will not be compromised, while costs are brought into line with the decrease in revenues.

Those of you who attended either of our "town hall" meetings know that the Old Brookville Police Benevolent Association, the union that represents our officers, has publicly stated its willingness to help the Six Villages restructure the Department. This restructuring will necessarily include a combination of retirements and layoffs, reflecting that both revenues and coverage area have been reduced significantly with Muttontown's departure. To represent us in our negotiations with the OBPBA, the Six Villages have retained legal counsel with experience in labor negotiations.

As this letter reaches you, we fully expect that with the cooperation of all involved parties, further progress will be made toward securing an effective and sustainable Old Brookville Police Department .

Thank you,



Terry L. Thielen

Mayor