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**Letter to the  
Editor,  
*Smithtown News***

## ***Concerned...***

Editor. The NEWS:

Your recent article addressing fines incurred by the Town of Smithtown has left me rather concerned about the future of our town. In a town where there has been no significant change in leadership for time immemorial, and where there is an ongoing investigation into how our town conducts business, one wonders when, if ever, people will come to their senses and realize that the present situation is untenable.

What I contend is particularly appalling is the blasé attitude from our supervisor that this is somehow acceptable. It appears that our Town Council does little more than rubber stamp poor decision-making and tragically fails to address the true needs of the taxpayers. Am I the only one who is disturbed by a \$50,000.00 fine for our Town's inability to comply with DEC regulations. Combined with the Nassau-Suffolk Lumber fiasco, our town has lost close to \$100,000.00 in tax revenue in several months. In an era of high taxes and financial crisis, I can't fathom how this can be justified and furthermore, how this can be rewarded at the polls. Mr. Vecchio and his cronies are cutting a check out of your bank accounts. Don't you think that we are entitled to competent and responsible government that does not squander our hard-earned tax dollars? Quite frankly, we can literally ill-afford such gross incompetence.

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