

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2007  
7:30 P.M. AT TOWN HALL**

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The meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Stuart followed by a salute to the flag. The following statement was read by Township Administrator/Clerk, Robert Bowden: "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by forwarding a "News Release" to the Asbury Park Press on December 13, 2006 stating that the meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held on January 10, 2007 at 7:30 p.m., Colts Neck Town Hall, 124 Cedar Drive, Colts Neck. The notice requirements have been posted on the Township Bulletin Board and a copy is on file in the office of the Township Clerk."

Roll call by Mr. Bowden indicated the following:

Present: Mayor Stuart, Deputy Mayor Hennessy, Committeemembers Forester, Florek and Schatzle

Also Present: Robert Bowden; Thomas Bace, Esq. (arriving late), John O. Bennett, III, Esq. (arriving late), and Beth Kara

Absent: None

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1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 27, 2006:** Mr. Florek made a minor revision to the draft minutes. Mr. Florek made a motion to approve, as amended, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried.

<b>COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE</b>					
RECORD OF VOTE	MAYOR STUART	DEPUTY MAYOR HENNESSY	FORESTER	FLOREK	SCHATZLE
<i>Motion To Approve</i>				X	
<i>Motion Seconded</i>		X			
<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

Mr. Bace joined the meeting in progress at 7:33 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2007:** Mr. Florek made minor revisions to the draft minutes. Mr. Florek made a motion to approve, as amended, seconded by Mr. Forester and unanimously carried.

<b>COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE</b>					
RECORD OF VOTE	MAYOR STUART	DEPUTY MAYOR HENNESSY	FORESTER	FLOREK	SCHATZLE
<i>Motion To Approve</i>				X	
<i>Motion Seconded</i>			X		
<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

3. **ORDINANCE 2007-1:** AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE 2007 SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK was read by title at first reading by Mayor Stuart. Mr. Bowden commented that this ordinance addresses the Department of Public Works staff covered under the current blue collar contract, which expires at the end of 2007. This ordinance provides a four percent increase to base salaries, as stipulated by the contract. Mr. Hennessy made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and

unanimously carried. Mayor Stuart scheduled the public hearing January 31, 2007.

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<b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>	<b>MAYOR STUART</b>	<b>DEPUTY MAYOR HENNESSY</b>	<b>FORESTER</b>	<b>FLOREK</b>	<b>SCHATZLE</b>
<i>Motion To Approve</i>		X			
<i>Motion Seconded</i>					X
<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

4. **RESOLUTION 2007-22:** AUTHORIZING FORMAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS – 2006 BUDGET was read by title by Mayor Stuart. Mayor Stuart stated this resolution authorizes the transfer of \$350 to the Municipal Court, Salaries and Wages from Elections, Other Expenses. Mr. Florek made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried.

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<b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>	<b>MAYOR STUART</b>	<b>DEPUTY MAYOR HENNESSY</b>	<b>FORESTER</b>	<b>FLOREK</b>	<b>SCHATZLE</b>
<i>Motion To Approve</i>				X	
<i>Motion Seconded</i>		X			
<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

5. **MOTION TO ADOPT A CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Stuart read the following consent agenda resolution, by title:

**\*RESOLUTION 2007-23:** AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES, P.B. APPLICATION NO. 618 (DALMAZIO).

Mr. Florek advised the Township Engineer has reviewed this and deemed all is in order. Mr. Forester made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

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<b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>	<b>MAYOR STUART</b>	<b>DEPUTY MAYOR HENNESSY</b>	<b>FORESTER</b>	<b>FLOREK</b>	<b>SCHATZLE</b>
<i>Motion To Approve</i>			X		
<i>Motion Seconded</i>					X
<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

6. **DISCUSSION:** ESTABLISH 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET REVIEW SESSIONS. Mr. Bowden polled the Township Committee for acceptable dates for the 2007 Budget workshops. The following dates and times were agreed upon by all members:

- February 8            7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.            Town Hall
- February 21        7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.            Town Hall
- February 24        9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon          Town Hall
- March 3             9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon          Town Hall

The anticipated budget ordinance approval dates during regular Township Committee Meetings are March 14, Introduction; and April 11, Public Hearing/Adoption.

7. **DISCUSSION:** AMEND RECREATION ORDINANCE – USE OF BUCKS MILL PARK. Mayor Stuart stated a minor amendment to the Township’s Recreation Ordinance is necessary now that the building at Bucks Mill Park is operational and used after the normal park closing time (9:00 p.m. or sunset Eastern Standard Time, whichever comes earlier). Discussion ensued about fencing to restrict park access to the building and adjacent parking after normal park operating hours. The governing body unanimously agreed the current ordinance should be revised stating the Bucks Mill Community Center, adjacent parking and the entrance to Bucks Mill Park may stay open until 11:00 p.m. Mr. Bowden will prepare an ordinance for introduction for the next Township Committee Meeting.

Mr. Florek suggested an additional amendment to the Recreation Ordinance include the Five Point Park parking lot will open at 9:00 a.m. weekdays when Colts Neck High School is in session. All Township Committee members concurred.

8. **DISCUSSION:** POSSIBLE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS – ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE AND FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE. Mayor Stuart introduced his proposal to eliminate the Liaison as a member of the aforementioned three committees. By doing so, this would standardize all Liaison assignments to the Township’s Boards/Commissions/Committees and would enable three additional Township residents to be members of these committees. Discussion ensued and all but Mr. Florek were in favor of this change. Mayor Stuart suggested the Township Attorney review the proposed changes. Mr. Bowden stated three ordinances would be placed on the agenda for introduction January 31, 2007.

9. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Mr. Bowden no additional comments to his report, but offered the following:

Mr. Bowden advised the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders sent a letter requesting their September 27, 2007 meeting, 7:00 p.m., be held in Colts Neck. Mayor Stuart stated he welcomes the Freeholders to do so. Mr. Forester recommended a newsletter advising residents of this meeting, which provides them the opportunity of attending a Freeholder meeting without leaving Town. Mr. Bowden stated he will respond to the Freeholder’s request and provide either the Courthouse or Town Hall for this meeting.

Mr. Bowden reported the County Shade Tree Commission is seeking to spray for gypsy moths at Hominy Hill Golf Course and the surrounding area. The spraying would be at no cost to the Township; however, the Township would assume the cost of newspaper notices and mailing costs to the affected homeowners. The Governing Body unanimously approved this initiative. Mr. Bowden will prepare a resolution to formalize this action.

10. **MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS.** Mr. Forester reviewed and signed the vouchers and commented all were in order. Mr. Forester made a motion to approve all vouchers totaling \$231,729.80, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried.

<b>COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE</b>					
<b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>	<b>MAYOR STUART</b>	<b>DEPUTY MAYOR HENNESSY</b>	<b>FORESTER</b>	<b>FLOREK</b>	<b>SCHATZLE</b>
<i>Motion To Approve</i>			X		
<i>Motion Seconded</i>				X	
<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

11. **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Forester reported the December 2006 meeting of the Business Advisory Committee included a discussion on the signage that is in violation of the current local ordinances. Both Mayor Stuart and Mr. Florek stated Code Enforcement should enforce the Code. Mr. Forester will obtain a list of the suspected violators and provide it to Mr. Bowden for Code Enforcement action.

Mr. Forester reported the Senior Citizens met for the first time this year today; however, due to a schedule conflict, he was unable to attend.

Mr. Hennessy reported the winter Recreation Programs are underway and are well attended.

Mr. Hennessy reported the Colts Neck Community Band's fifth annual concert is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> at Colts Neck High School. Mr. Hennessy praised their prior concert performances and urged all to attend.

Mr. Florek reported he was invited to attend a joint meeting of the Fire Department and First Aid tomorrow night to discuss the use of the extrication equipment. Both groups will be trained in these techniques to ensure maximum emergency coverage for the Township.

Mr. Schatzle reported he met with the First Aid Squad and is working with the trustee, Mr. Bowden and Mr. Thompson to address the building drainage issue.

Mr. Schatzle commented parking has always been an issue with Colts Neck Polo. The fences anticipated for Bucks Mill Park will tie in well with addressing the Polo parking issue.

Mayor Stuart reported he and Mr. Forester will be meeting with the Deputy Commissioner at the intersection of Routes 537 and 34 in an attempt to jump start corrective actions for this problematic intersection. Assemblywoman Beck plans to attend as does Mr. Bowden. Mayor Stuart stated the first step will be to look at the timing of the traffic lights. Mayor Stuart stated this intersection is Monmouth County's number one traffic priority for corrective action.

Mayor Stuart reported the Planning Board has approved the cell tower at the municipal complex. Mr. Hennessy reported more shrubs and trees around the base were added to the original plans. Mayor Stuart reported the branches would start at approximately 30 feet to 32 feet. More branches can be added to the lower section of the antennae structure if needed. Mayor Stuart stated nearby residents attended and raised questions about wave emissions.

12. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Stuart opened the meeting to public comment.

Mr. Bennett joined the meeting in progress at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Vince Domidion, a resident, stated there was a Freeholder meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed open space near Hominy Hill Golf Course. He plans to attend.

Mr. Chuck Cammarata, a resident, asked for the budget workshop dates. Mr. Bowden responded and provided him with the four dates.

Ms. Gloria Lupia, a resident, requested an explanation of the proposal to amend the Recreation Ordinance for the use of Bucks Mill Park. Mayor Stuart stated the current ordinance permits use of the Park from dawn to dusk. Persons using the Bucks Mill Community Center after dusk are in violation of the existing ordinance. The amendment will permit the use of the Bucks Mill Community Center building up to 11:00 p.m.

Ms. Judy Laufer, a resident and President of Colts Neck Senior Citizens, reported Whiting Township has solved their geese problem by installing a three-foot high chain link fence around their pond. She was advised the geese won't land if they can't get to water, and she thinks the fence is better control method than killing them. Mayor Stuart stated the geese have made Bucks Mill Park a nightmare. Mayor Stuart stated he will have the Environmental Commission look into this issue.

Mr. Ed Piotrowski, a resident, stated there is monofilament line strung across four feet high stakes at Dorbrook Park (near Mr. Orgo's rye grass) that vibrate with the wind and deter geese from gathering. Mr. Piotrowski will speak with Mr. Orgo to gather more information.

Mr. Chris Lupia, a resident, stated when the bald eagles were in the area, very few geese were at the reservoir. Now the bald eagles are gone, and the geese are returning. Mr. Lupia reported shots are being fired during daylight hours at these geese, and sooner or later someone is going to get hurt. Mr. Lupia then stated he found a wild turkey shot dead in his driveway recently. Mayor Stuart stated he will address this issue with the Chief of Police.

With no further comments, Mayor Stuart closed the meeting to public comment.

13. **RESOLUTION 2007-24:** EXECUTIVE SESSION was read by Mayor Stuart at 8:06 p.m. With no further comments, Mr. Forester made a motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried.

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<i>Motion Seconded</i>		X			
<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Opposed</i>					
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Motion to adjourn Closed Session by Mr. Hennessy, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried by voice vote and reconvene in public session.

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<i>Motion To Approve</i>		X			
<i>Motion Seconded</i>				X	
<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

Motion by Mr. Hennessy, seconded by Mr. Forester to reconvene in public session and adjourn meeting with a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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<i>Motion Seconded</i>			X		
<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Opposed</i>					
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Robert Bowden, Township Administrator/Clerk

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