

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2009  
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 Forester followed by a salute to the flag. The following statement was read by Township Clerk Bowden: "The notice of the requirements of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law has been satisfied by forwarding a "News Release" to the Asbury Park Press on December 10, 2008 stating that the meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held on January 14, 2009 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 Forester, Deputy Mayor Florek, Committeemembers Schatzle, Eastman and Engel

Also Present: Administrator/Municipal Clerk Robert Bowden; Deputy Municipal Clerk Beth Kara, and Township Attorney Sen. John O. Bennett, III, Esq.

Absent: None

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1. **PRESENTATION**: Mayor Forester spoke briefly and turned the meeting over to Mr. Edward Thompson, DPW Director. Mr. Thompson spoke of the three lateral promotions before the Governing Body this evening occurring as a result of Mr. Reed's retirement November 2008. Those being promoted, hire dates and the positions to which they are promoted are as follows: Mr. Steven Wilbert, September 1997, Truck Driver; Mr. Stanley (John) Wilbert, May 1998, Light Equipment Operator I; and Mr. Dennis Jenzer, July 2000, Light Equipment Operator. Mr. Thompson stated these promotions are made at no additional cost to the Township and do not increase staffing levels. Mr. Thompson noted Messrs Wilbert and Wilbert were present; Mr. Jenzer was in college studying engineering this evening. Mr. Thompson thanked the Township Committee for their support. Mayor Forester thanked the DPW staff for their work of keeping the Township in good order. With no further comments, Mayor Forester introduced the following resolutions, which were read by title:
  2. **RESOLUTION 2009-19**: CONFIRMING PROMOTION OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE, MR. STEVEN C. WILBERT.
  3. **RESOLUTION 2009-20**: CONFIRMING PROMOTION OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE, MR. STANLEY JOHN WILBERT.
  4. **RESOLUTION 2009-21**: CONFIRMING PROMOTION OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE, MR. DENNIS JENZER.

Resolution Nos. 2009-19, 2009-20, 2009-21, were approved simultaneously. Mr. Florek made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried. Those present gave a round of applause.

<b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Forester			X			
Deputy Mayor Florek	M		X			
Schatzle		S	X			
Eastman			X			
Engel			X			
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5. **PRESENTATION:** IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSECTION OF CRINE ROAD, DUTCH LANE ROAD AND HEULITT ROAD. Freeholder Lillian Burry spoke of Ms. Cathi Trost, a Colts Neck resident, who worked tirelessly to keep the issue of improving this intersection's safety at the forefront of the Township, the Freeholders, the media, and which ultimately led to the traffic study and this evening's presentation of intersection alternatives by Mr. Joseph Ettore, County Engineer. Mr. Ettore advised 11 crashes occurred at this location in the past three years, and the intersection has below standard sight distance from two of the three roadways. Mr. Ettore's presentation included five alternatives to correct the intersection deficiencies and noted his office recommends a roundabout for the location. Discussion ensued and those present expressed opinions for and against the roundabout and the various alternatives presented. Mr. Ettore advised this evening's presentation will be on the Monmouth County website ([www.visitmonmouth.com](http://www.visitmonmouth.com)). He urged all residents to provide his office with written comments. All input received will be considered when making final recommendations to the Township Committee at a subsequent visit.
  
6. **PRESENTATION:** UPDATE ON ROUTES 34 AND 537 INTERSECTION. Mr. Ettore provided a brief history of this DOT project, noting Freeholder Burry is one of its strongest advocates, and she has kept it active on the DOT radar screen. Mr. Ettore reported the intersection experiences 1.5 times the State average for crashes, and the improvements would reduce the crash rate, reduce congestion in and around the intersection, and reduce the use of local streets as travel alternatives. The widening of this intersection would affect two aging bridges over C-1 waterways, which has led to project delays. Mr. Ettore provided various alternatives and their projected impact on traffic delays. Discussion ensued, and those present commented on the alternatives and questioned Mr. Ettore. Mr. Schatzle commented the biggest factor in this intersection's improvement should be safety, noting in 1864 only two gas powered vehicles existed in St. Louis, and they collided. Mr. Schatzle stated he is glad Freeholder Burry and the Monmouth County Engineer's staff continues to work on this project.

Mayor Forester thanked Freeholder Burry and Mr. Ettore for this evening's presentations. Mayor Forester called a two-minute recess. At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Forester reconvened the meeting.

7. **PRESENTATION:** COLTS NECK SPORTS FOUNDATION (CNSF). Mr. George Corsi, past President for three years, expressed his appreciation for the support the Township Committee has given the Sports Foundation. Mr. Corsi discussed the condition of the baseball and softball fields, noting the following: two fields at Cedar Drive need to be re-graded to improve drainage; the soccer and baseball fields at Five Point Park need watering, either through an irrigation system or the use of a portable water wheel; and Laird Road Park is in need of a pavilion. The Sports Foundation is asking the Township to increase field maintenance and the use of a sponsors fence to raise funds to build the Laird Road pavilion was discussed. Mr. Brian McNally, Vice-President CNSF, spoke of the successful T-shirt sponsors fund raising last year. Mr. Florek commented while he is not in favor of signage at the fields, the financial benefits to taxpayers is significant. Mr. Florek suggested a two-year pilot program for sponsors signs with standards set by the Township for signage. Counsel Bennett stated he will review this issue thoroughly and advise the Township Committee. When questioning the life span of a water wheel, Mr. Rick Royal, Manager of Thompson Park, stated the water wheel used at Thompson Park is nine years old and still going strong. Mr. Florek questioned if the bond for Five Point Park was expended. Mr. Bowden stated he will research and advise. Mr. Bowden stated with the budget process underway, he will include the cost of the water wheel and the maintenance of the Township parks in the budget request for consideration.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2008:** Mr. Florek made a minor revision, then made a motion to approve, as amended, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and carried by Messrs. Forester, Florek and Schatzle; Messrs. Eastman and Engel abstained.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Forester		X			
Deputy Mayor Florek	M	X			
Schatzle	S	X			
Eastman				X	
Engel				X	
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9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2009:** Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried.

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Forester		X			
Deputy Mayor Florek	S	X			
Schatzle	M	X			
Eastman		X			
Engel		X			
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10. **RESOLUTION 2009-22:** RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A-3570, ABOLISHING COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING was read by title by Mayor Forester. Assembly Bill No. 3570 seeks to abolish the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing and has at least 30 co-sponsors, including Assemblypersons representing Colts Neck. Both Messrs. Florek and Forester commented they did not think this would pass; however, it is imperative support be given. Mr. Florek made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Forester		X			
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11. **RESOLUTION 2009-23** – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING USE OF MONMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING BID FOR PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) was read by title by Mayor Forester. This resolution authorizes the use a bid awarded by the Monmouth County Cooperative Purchasing Consortium, of which the Township is a member, to purchase sodium chloride (rock salt) from International Salt Company at a cost of \$66.43 per ton. Mr. Bowden advised last year's consortium prices were \$56 per ton, and the bulk purchase savings achieved through this consortium is significant. Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Eastman and unanimously carried.

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Deputy Mayor Florek		X			
Schatzle	M	X			
Eastman	S	X			
Engel		X			
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12. **MOTION TO ADOPT A CONSENT AGENDA:** The following resolutions were read by title by Mayor Forester:
13. **\*RESOLUTION 2009-24:** AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES, P.B. APPLICATION NO. 668 (BONANNO).
14. **\*RESOLUTION 2009-25:** AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF 2008 ADDEDD ASSESSMENT TAXES.

Mr. Florek made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

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Schatzle	S	X			
Eastman		X			
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15. **DISCUSSION:** AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING CERTAIN STRUCTURES TO HAVE A KEY LOCKBOX INSTALLED ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE STRUCTURE FOR FIRE SAFETY PURPOSE. Mr. Florek stated this proposed ordinance has been discussed previously. Its adoption would eliminate forced entries to locked structures by the Township's Fire Department during an emergency. Mr. Florek stated access would only be granted by the County through the activation of a tone, and Mr. Florek reported the experience at a recent commercial building fire when the business owner could not be reached. Mayor Forester questioned if the Township could have problems if access were challenged, especially when medical records are involved. Counsel Bennett commented, then stated he will research and advise. Discussion ensued. Mr. Florek made minor revisions to the draft ordinance, and with the Governing Body's consent, Mr. Florek stated he will bring the issue to the Executive Fire Council tomorrow evening. This ordinance may be introduced at the next Township Committee Meeting.
16. **DISCUSSION:** STATUS REPORT FOR MUNICIPAL POND DREDGING. Mr. Bowden advised \$25,000 was budgeted to dredge the pond, and the six permits required to dredge will probably exhaust those funds. The Monmouth County Mosquito Commission will provide the operator and a large backhoe; however, the Township would have to hire or provide staff and equipment to remove the sediment. While it was thought the spoils could be temporarily deposited between the two ponds, given the projected volume, an alternate site would be necessary for the drying process or permanent removal from the site. Discussion ensued, and Mr. Bowden has been asked to obtain additional information and cost estimates for the work envisioned.

17. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Mr. Bowden reported a decision would have to be made regarding participation in the State's Gypsy Moth Program. While the County spray program is done at no cost to the Township, there would be a cost associated with the State's Program, estimated to be \$5,700, which would be offset by the Federal government's reimbursement of up to 50 percent. Discussion ensued. Mr. Bowden was asked to ascertain if the County would incorporate the State's designated areas into the County's 2009 spray program for Colts Neck. If not, Mr. Bowden was directed to include the estimated cost of the State spray program in the 2009 Budget request.

Mr. Bowden reported he has been working with Committeeman Engel and a regional solid waste study group to determine the feasibility of a purchasing consortium for sanitation (waste removal) services for Township residents. The Township would not be starting a Sanitation Department, but would be one of 32 municipalities having the opportunity to obtain sanitation services for their residents now contracting individually at bulk prices. Mr. Bowden gave Mr. Engel kudos for bringing this initiative to his attention.

18. **MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS:** Mr. Schatzle reported he reviewed and signed the vouchers, noting all were in order, and are as follows:

Animal Control	\$149.95
Capital Fund	1,008,626.87
COAH	\$165.00
Construction Trust	\$36,482.92
Current Fund	\$797,197.83
Escrow	114,904.91
Farmland Preservation Trust	\$2,000.00
Grant Fund	\$4,424.44
Trust Fund	<u>\$34,190.35</u>
TOTAL APPROVED:	\$1,998,142.27

Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve all vouchers, recusing himself from the approval of the CMX voucher, as this was a former customer of Mr. Schatzle's. Mr. Schatzle noted all paperwork was in order for the CMX voucher, Mr. Eastman seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

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Deputy Mayor Florek			X			
Schatzle	M		X		X	
Eastman		S	X			
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19. **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Engel had no report this evening.

Mr. Schatzle had no report this evening.

Mr. Florek reported the installation of a panic alarm in the Recreation building was discussed and approved during the Recreation Committee Meeting. Mr. Bowden will facilitate the installation.

Mr. Florek reported the Colts Neck Community Band concert is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup> at Colts Neck High School.

Mr. Florek reported the renovations at the Recreation building were almost completed, noting siding, replacement windows and refinishing the main floor were completed, and a new side entrance door to be installed shortly.

Mr. Florek reported the playground at Bucks Mill Park is ready for the spring season.

Mr. Florek reported the Township received \$100,000 from the County and has Green Acres Funds for the acquisition of 5.2 acres adjacent to Clover Hill Lane along Route 520. The property is appraised at \$240,000 and the estimated cost to the Township for this parcel is between \$20,000 and \$40,000.

Mr. Florek reported the Township's Third Round COAH Plan was submitted December 30, 2008. The Governor refused to grant a stay of the Third Round obligations.

Mr. Florek reported the Planning Board Chair is Rich Malinowski, and Vice-Chair is Tom Orgo.

Mr. Eastman had no report this evening.

**20. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

With no further comments, Mayor Forester opened the meeting to public comment.

Ms. Judy Laufer, a resident, stated she observed the recyclables picked up by the new cartage company, and all materials were emptied into the main bin of the truck. Ms. Laufer questioned if recyclables need to be separated into paper and co-mingles. Mr. Florek asked Mr. Bowden to research this issue.

Ms. Virginia Amend, a resident and editor of the Colts Neck Calendar, questioned if the associate members of the Environmental Commission would be considered for permanent appointment. Ms. Amend was advised that the Township Committee recognizes the appointed members; however, those considered associate members would be considered when filling vacancies. Ms. Amend questioned the currency of the information displayed on the Township website. Ms. Amend then questioned if any member of the Township Committee or the Planning Board was a member of the Trump National Golf Club, to which she received a "no" response. Ms. Amend then questioned the finding of weapons during a recent fire call and the process of reporting these findings. Mr. Schatzle responded that at every fire call, at least one or two police officers are present. Counsel Bennett advised each gun requires registration and each weapon must be secured. Ms. Amend then questioned further, and Mr. Florek asked Mr. Bowden to speak with Chief Sauter.

Ms. Kathy Gizzo, a resident, commented the County Engineer's presentation this evening was very informative and questioned if this information would be communicated to all residents. Mr. Schatzle responded that all residents in the immediate vicinity of the site were notified, and the link to this presentation on the County's website would be on the Township's website. Mr. Bowden commented the County Engineer will return to a Township Committee meeting.

Mr. Vince Domidion, a resident, reported he was pleased Mayor Forester would be co-hosting a hearing with Congressman Chris Smith, Sen. Beck, Assemblypersons O'Scanlon and Casagrande, and Freeholder Burry on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for Laurelwood Housing at NWS Earle on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the Court House.

Mr. Domidion stated the presentation by the Sports Foundation this evening was good. Mr. Domidion supports advertising, as it is a reliable revenue stream, and is viewed by those watching the game. Mr. Domidion spoke of the spoils on the

dredging project, stating if they are clean, they can be mixed with other materials to create landscaping elements.

Ms. Gizzo questioned the posting of Township Committee meeting agendas on the Township website prior to meetings. Discussion ensued, and Mr. Bowden stated the posting of the agendas on the website was being researched; however agendas are always available at Town Hall the morning of the meeting. Mr. Engel stated as the liaison to the website, he is looking forward to reviewing the site for improvements.

Mr. Vince Scotti, a resident, commented on the currency of the website and suggested having a searchable data base showing where each dollar is spent, similar to that discussed for possible State reporting in a recent Asbury Park Press article. Mr. Scotti then asked if the ratables changed from last year. Mr. Bowden stated we had approximately \$20 million in ratables and approximately \$20 million in new ratables. Mr. Scotti then suggested issuing newsletters on hot topics in the Township. Mr. Schatzle noted the Township's local media do an outstanding job in reporting current issues. Mr. Scotti supports the economies of scale from Township coordinated residential trash collection.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Forester closed the meeting to public comment.

21. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT** was made by Mr. Engel, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried by voice vote.

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Forester			X			
Deputy Mayor Florek		S	X			
Schatzle			X			
Eastman			X			
Engel		M	X			
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Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

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Robert Bowden, Township Administrator/Clerk