

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2004**

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The meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Burry, 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 17, 2003 stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held on February 11, 2004 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: Deputy Mayor Forester, Committeemembers, Florek, Hennessy  
Stuart, and Mayor Burry

Also Present: Robert Bowden, Tom Bace, Esq., and Aime Sweeney

Absent: John O. Bennett III, Esq.

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1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Burry announced the 2004 budget sessions are scheduled for Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m., both at Town Hall.

Mayor Burry also announced that the County Historic Commission Grant was approved for the Montrose Road School preservation in the amount of \$2,100.00. This is a matching grant.

Mayor Burry's final announcement was that Mr. Todd Stoner of Colts Neck is named as New Jersey's top High School Youth Volunteer for 2004 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Mayor Burry read a proclamation. Mayor Burry said that Todd Stoner represents the best in American youth.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 30, 2004, JANUARY 2, 2004, JANUARY 14, 2004, AND JANUARY 28, 2004** was read by Mayor Burry. Mayor Burry requested all aforementioned minutes be tabled until the next meeting.

3. **RESOLUTION 2004-32A: HONORING MR. VINCENT MALTESE ESQ.** was read by Mayor Burry in full. Mr. Bowden advised this was requested by Centra State to recognize Mr. Maltese's achievements while he was at Centra State. With no further comments, Mr. Stuart made a motion to approve this Resolution, seconded by Mr. Forester and unanimously carried.

<b>COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE</b>					
<b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>	<b>MAYOR BURRY</b>	<b>DEPUTY MAYOR FORESTER</b>	<b>FLOREK</b>	<b>HENNESSY</b>	<b>STUART</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 2004-33:** AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS – 2003 MUNICIPAL BUDGET was read by Mayor Burry. Mr. Bowden explained this will cover 2003 utility bills. With no further comments, Mr. Forester made a motion to approve this Resolution, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried.

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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>					

5. **RESOLUTION 2004-34:** AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF 2004 PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS was read by Mayor Burry in full. Mayor Burry advised this represents no major increases. Mr. Bowden said everyone is pretty much the same rate as in 2003. The Municipal Auditor requested a \$500.00 increase. With no further comments, Mr. Florek made a motion to approve this Resolution, seconded by Mr. Forester and unanimously carried.

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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>					

6. **RESOLUTION 2004-35:** AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF MONMOUTH FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT INTERSECTION OF PHALANX ROAD AND LAIRD ROAD was read by Mayor Burry. Mayor Burry said this Resolution basically states the Township is responsible for paying the electric bill for this traffic light. With no further comments, Mr. Stuart made a motion to approve this Resolution, 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>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

7. **RESOLUTION 2004-36**: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH FOR THE COLTS NECK ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE (\$13,350.00) was read by Mayor Burry. Mr. Hennessy, Liaison to the Colts Neck Alliance, said this is the last year of our three year grant funding and a new application will have to be done for next year. With no further comments, Mr. Hennessy made a motion to approve this Resolution, seconded by Mr. Forester and unanimously carried.

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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>					
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8. **MOTION TO ADOPT A CONSENT AGENDA** was read by Mayor Burry for the following Resolutions:

Resolution 2004-38: Approving Raffle Application 2004-01 – St. Mary’s School PTA (Misc. Gift Items)

Resolution 2004-39: Approving Raffle Application 2004-02 – St. Mary’s School PTA (50/50 Raffle)

Resolution 2004-39A: Approving Amendment to Raffle Application No. 2003-37 – Colts Neck Lions Club

Resolution 2004-40: Authorizing Recreation Program Refunds

With no further comments, Mr. Stuart made a motion to approve all aforementioned consent Resolutions, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried.

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9. **DISCUSSION**: CROSS ACCEPTANCE OF STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN- Mayor Burry asked Mr. Vince Domidion to explain. Mr. Domidion explained that the County Planning Board is asking municipalities to designate a cross-acceptance delegation comprised of individuals that are extremely knowledgeable of their municipalities Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and other planning initiatives to represent our community during this process and acknowledge this by Resolution. After brief discussion the Township Committee unanimously agreed the Cross-Acceptance representatives should be Mayor Burry, Sal Barbagallo, Planning Board Chairman, and Tim Anfuso, Township Planner.

**RESOLUTION 2004-41A**: CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL CROSS-ACCEPTANCE REPRESENTATIVES was read by Mayor Burry in full. With no further comments, Mr. Florek made a motion to approve this Resolution, seconded by Mr. Stuart and unanimously carried.

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10. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**- Mr. Bowden reported that he received a letter from the Board of Recreation Commissioners who advise in regard to our Municipal Open Space Grant Application that equipment, including expendable and disposable items is a disallowable project cost under the program's guidelines, therefore, the purchase of furniture would be considered a disallowable expense. The County states that if the township agrees to submit a revised budget and indicate the adjusted amount of the grant request. Also the County wishes the Township to include an application checklist form. The revision must be provided no later then February 20<sup>th</sup>. After brief discussion, the Township Committee agreed to proceed with the revision.

11. **MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS** was made by Mr. Forester for all vouchers totaling \$2,833,319.64, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried.

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## 12. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Stuart reported that the Shade Tree Commission has sited fourteen infractions on green acres. The Shade Tree Commission is seeking advisement and support of the Township Committee on encroachment issues as they relate to green acres. Mr. Stuart suggested that a reminder notice be placed in a forthcoming Township newsletter. Mr. Stuart further advised that the Shade Tree Commission is still working on a Shade Tree Ordinance.

Mr. Stuart also reported that the First Aid Squad has been busy reviewing their budget for 2004. They manage to fund-raise over \$100,000.00 and will require a cost audit of approximately \$6,000.00. Mr. Bowden suggested they obtain a quotation for auditing from our Township Auditor first.

Mr. Stuart concluded his report by advising that the Casola application has been up-held.

Mr. Forester reported that he attended the First Aid Squad's dinner in which many awards were given. Mr. Forester said he was surprised to learn of the number of calls they handle in a year.

Mr. Hennessy reported that he attended a Pop Warner luncheon at Van's in Freehold. It was a very spirited afternoon with a lot of trophies given out.

Mr. Hennessy further reported that he attended the Colts Neck Community Band concert and found it to be a very nice diversified concert. Dr. Frankle wanted to the concert to proceed despite his recent illness. Mr. Rich Grassman and Ms. Lynn Lewis substituted for Dr. Frankle; both former students.

Mr. Florek reported that the Trail Riders are approaching property owners to try to obtain key easements for their trails.

Mr. Florek further reported that there will be a library spelling bee in the near future. The County Library is working on importing an electronic book request. The Friends of the Library are also working on a forthcoming township wide garage sale similar to last years.

Mr. Florek also reported that Mr. Jim Sfayer, Colts Neck Sports Foundation, has stated his support of the new structure at Bucks Mill Park.

Mr. Florek advised that PEOSH hazards have been abated for the Fire Department. The Fire Department now has a clean bill of health.

Mayor Burry said she too attended the Colts Neck Community Band Concert held at the Colts Neck High School. Their performance was excellent.

Mayor Burry reported that Abraham Lincoln was reincarnated this afternoon at the Cedar Drive School which is sponsored by the Colts Neck Historic Preservation Committee. The students were very receptive to the interpretation of Abraham Lincoln.

Mayor Burry further reported that the Historic Preservation Committee will have their annual house tour on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Williamsburg Christmas will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2004. The Historic Preservation Committee has also been busy working on a book "20<sup>th</sup> Century Colts Neck People & Places".

Mayor Burry said she attended the First Aid Squads dinner dance which was beautifully executed.

Mayor Burry concluded her report by advising that the Planning Board approved the preliminary Master Plan at last evenings meeting. Mayor Burry said that Mr. Tim Anfuso did an extremely good job with this.

13. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. John Grabowski, 20 Phalanx Road advised that pools of water freeze over on Phalanx Road causing a dangerous road condition.

Mr. Vincent Domidion suggested when the Township Committee meets with the new Senator to mention environmental conditions as they relate to the Right to Farm Act.

Mr. Domidion asked what the electric bill cost for the new traffic light on Phalanx Road be? Mr. Bowden estimated between \$300.00 to \$500.00 a year.

Mrs. Laura Kolnowski asked what is meant by monuments in greenways? Mr. Florek explained.

Mrs. Virginia Amend said that she learned the Township Committee has been interviewing high level law firms and inquired why? Mayor Bury said she will advise on this matter in the future. Mr. Bowden said the nature of this will be announced at an appropriate time.

Mr. Andrew Grasso said he is very concerned about the unsafe intersection of Swimming River Road and Route 537. The yield sign is not effective and feels a stop sign would be safer. Mayor Burry said she agrees. Mr. Bowden said he will draft a letter to the County.

Mrs. Amend said the Mayor in Middletown is working on reducing the speed limit on Swimming River Road.

Mrs. Gloria Lupia said the new yellow blinking light is not slowing cars down.

Mayor Burry concluded by welcoming back Colts Neck's esteemed citizen, Mr. Chris Lupia, from his recuperation.

14. **RESOLUTION 2004-41**: EXECUTIVE SESSION was read by Mayor Burry.  
 With no further comments, Mr. Forester made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.,  
 and go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Stuart and unanimously carried.

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Robert Bowden,  
 Township Administrator

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