

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2008
7:30 P.M. AT TOWN HALL**

The meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Hennessy 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, 2007 stating that the meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held on February 27, 2008 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 Hennessy, Deputy Mayor Forester, Committeemembers Florek, Schatzle and Stuart

Also Present: Robert Bowden; Kerri Fornino, Esq.; and Beth Kara

Absent: None

1. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION:** ARC AWARENESS MONTH, MARCH 2008. Due to Mayor Hennessy's laryngitis this evening, at the Mayor's request, Mr. Bowden read the proclamation in full. March 2008 was proclaimed ARC Awareness Month in the Township of Colts Neck. All citizens of Colts Neck were urged to give full support towards enabling people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

2. **PRESENTATION:** 2007 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COLTS NECK BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. Mr. Anfuso discussed the decisions reached by the Zoning Board of Adjustment on applications received for the 12-month period ended December 31, 2007. Of the 37 applications received, 31 were approved, four denied and two dismissed without prejudice. Mr. Anfuso spoke about the types of applications received and noted the Zoning Board has been proactive when reviewing each application. Discussion ensued regarding swimming pools included/excluded in lot coverage, and after discussion, it was agreed this area will be monitored for possible future action. All agreed that the Township should actively pursue contractors performing work outside the approved application. Mr. Anfuso was asked to have Long Range Planning develop an ordinance to change the current 3 foot measurement to grade to a 15-foot measurement. Mr. Vince Domidion, a resident, commented Manalapan Township may have adopted an ordinance on this issue. On behalf of the Township Committee, Mayor Hennessy thanked Mr. Anfuso for this report. Mr. Anfuso left the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

3. **RESOLUTION 2008-39:** DECLARING THE GYPSY MOTH A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND APPOINTING A GYPSY MOTH COORDINATOR was read by title by Mayor Hennessy. Mr. Bowden stated this resolution should name him and the entire Shade Tree Commission as Coordinator, as was done in 2007. Mr. Florek made a motion to approve, as amended, seconded by Mr. Stuart and unanimously carried.

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Hennessy			X			
Forester			X			
Florek	M		X			
Schatzle			X			
Stuart		S	X			
X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent M - Moved S - Seconded						

4. **RESOLUTION 2008-40:** AUTHORIZING MONMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO COMMISSION TO CONDUCT AERIAL SURVEILLANCE AND TREATMENT PROGRAM WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK was read by title by Mayor Hennessy. With no comments from the Governing Body, Mr. Forester made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Hennessy		X			
Forester	M	X			
Florek	S	X			
Schatzle		X			
Stuart		X			
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5. **MOTION TO ADOPT A CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Hennessy read by title the following resolutions:
6. ***RESOLUTION 2008-41:** AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF SPECIAL PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES, STREET OPENING PERMIT, 117 STONE HILL ROAD, BLOCK 44.01, LOT 9.03 (SOLLOUM).
7. ***RESOLUTION 2008-42:** AUTHORIZING RECREATION PROGRAM REFUND.

Mr. Stuart made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Forester and unanimously carried.

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Hennessy		X			
Forester	S	X			
Florek		X			
Schatzle		X			
Stuart	M	X			
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8. **DISCUSSION:** 2007 LOSAP CREDITS – FIRE COMPANY NO. 1, FIRE COMPANY NO. 2, FIRST AID SQUAD. Mr. Bowden asked the Governing Body if they require any additional information for their due diligence of the LOSAP information presented for 2007 credits. Discussion ensued regarding the current LOSAP credit amount. Mr. Florek stated the reporting has gotten better. Mr. Florek is in favor of a 3% to 4% increase, stating the credit amounts have been the same for the past three to four years. Mr. Schatzle stated the LOSAP should be a thank you for activity in a volunteer organization, and he advocates the status quo. Mr. Stuart stated an increase was a good idea; however, given the current budget situation, this may not be the year for an increase. Mr. Bowden stated the Governing Body would see resolutions prepared for the next Township Committee meeting. Once adopted, the data would be posted at the respective volunteer locations for 30 days, with crediting after the posting period if no challenges are received.
9. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT.** Mr. Bowden had no further comments to his report this evening. Mr. Bowden stated the second 2008 Budget session would be held tomorrow evening, 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall meeting room.

Mr. Bowden reported the snow/ice storm last Friday cost the Township approximately \$20,000. Due to the timing of the storm, overtime was minimal, and an outside contractor was called in to assist DPW staff in clearing the roads.

Mr. Bowden stated it was time to order two new Police cruisers. The cost of each vehicle is approximately \$23,000, with the Police package. Mr. Bowden called for a motion to approve the purchase of two cruisers. Mr. Stuart made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Hennessy		X			
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Florek	S	X			
Schatzle		X			
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Mayor Hennessy asked if one of the replaced cruisers could be earmarked for Code Enforcement. An alternate suggestion was made to use magnetic "Code Enforcement" signs on a vehicle. Mr. Bowden stated this issue should be discussed in more detail during the upcoming 2008 budget sessions.

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

Animal Control	\$1,991.30
Construction Trust	\$20,651.38
Current Fund	\$2,520,152.51
Escrow	\$14,804.20
Farmland Preservation Trust	\$99.00
Grant Fund	\$1,333.00
Tax Collectors Trust	\$156,337.74
Trust Fund	<u>\$24,137.95</u>
TOTAL APPROVED:	\$2,739,507.08

Mr. Forester made a motion to approve all vouchers, seconded by Mr. Stuart and unanimously carried.

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Florek		X			
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11. **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Florek reported the Colts Neck Sports Foundation was conducting tennis registration March 1, 2008. This year, CNSF is offering adult tennis clinics.

Mr. Florek reported he drafted the second letter to 40 municipalities regarding the concept of banding together to address COAH requirements. Mr. Florek anticipates mailing the letter shortly.

Mr. Forester had no report this evening.

Mr. Stuart stated the ideas set forth in Mr. Florek's first COAH letter were well received, as evidenced by Mr. Stuart's conversations with the Mayors of Edison and Bedminster. Mr. Florek commented the response has been positive, however, finding an attorney not associated with developers is a difficult undertaking. Mr. Florek stated his current goal is to meet with 10 to 15 municipalities to discuss how this group can address COAH requirements facing their municipalities.

Mr. Stuart stated he and Mr. Forester represented the Township at a recent reception of the Korean American Association.

Mr. Schatzle reported the Colts Neck First Aid Squad will be providing free CPR Training to all Colts Neck residents on March 2nd and March 3rd. The First Aid Squad is looking into purchasing new rigs, 100 percent of which has been paid through donations.

Mr. Schatzle reported the Local Emergency Planning Committee postponed the planned Table Top Drill due to participating outside agencies' conflict in schedules. The event will be re-scheduled in the future.

Mr. Schatzle reported he participated in the Read Across America Program at the Conover Road Elementary School, which was a very enjoyable experience.

Mr. Schatzle reported the Colts Neck Business Association has been in contact with the Colts Neck Post Office regarding the numbering of businesses along Routes 34 and 537. The Post Office is doing field work and plans issue its report mid-April.

Mr. Schatzle reported the Township is still within the 90-day work stoppage order on any vegetation management issues along the power line routes within the Township.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

With no further comments, Mayor Hennessy opened the meeting for public comment.

Ms. Doris Resh, a resident, spoke of the cost of updating the Township's tax maps in preparation for the revaluation. Mr. Florek responded only qualified professionals are able to re-draw the tax maps, and they must be revised page by page. The task is half completed. Mr. Florek stated tax maps change over time, and although the Township's tax maps were in relatively good shape, changes occurred over the past 10 to 15 years.

Mr. Diana Piotrowski, a resident, questioned if the Township has any light pollution ordinances, stating a home on Conover Road has very bright landscape lighting, including very bright illumination in trees and on driveway pillars. Discussion ensued, and it was agreed this issue is worth researching.

Ms. Elaine Mann, a resident, discussed the return of monies to the Township from the Polo organization. Ms. Mann spoke of the renovations at the Montrose Road School House. Discussion ensued during which Mayor Hennessy stated the Township received the building in disrepair.

Mr. Vince Domidion, a resident, stated he believes there is an ordinance that prohibits illumination beyond one's property. Mr. Domidion stated he knows the property Ms. Piotrowski described, and stated the driveway pillar lights appear as bright as oncoming automobile headlights. With regard to the Zoning Board's comments on changing the grade measurement beyond three feet, Mr. Domidion stated the current ordinances permit construction that is an insult to everything around it, and which could be economically detrimental to adjoining properties.

Ms. Judy Laufer, a resident and President of Colts Neck Senior Citizens Club, stated the Senior Club has ten new members, bringing total membership to 250. Ms. Laufer reported the Club would be going to a Playhouse and a luncheon in the next few weeks. Ms. Laufer also reported Colts Neck High School students are performing Footloose at the high school Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Ms. Mann suggested installing a key pad on the entrance of Town Hall, similar to the key pads at the Library and the Recreation Office. Ms. Mann stated there

are too many keys circulating to the Town Hall Building, and she requested installation costs of the keypad be investigated.

Ms. Resh asked if a foundation could be formed in support of the Montrose Road School House. Mayor Hennessy responded the Township is blessed with volunteers, and most of the work is done by the Boy Scouts when they return from college. Discussion ensued. Mr. Florek stated government does have a role in preserving properties and gave the example of the Dittmar farm acquisition.

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

13. **RESOLUTION 2008-43:** EXECUTIVE SESSION was read by Mayor Hennessy at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Forester made a motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Stuart and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Hennessy		X			
Forester	M	X			
Florek		X			
Schatzle		X			
Stuart	S	X			
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Motion by Mr. Forester, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried to adjourn closed session.

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Hennessy		X			
Forester	M	X			
Florek	S	X			
Schatzle		X			
Stuart		X			
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Motion by Mr. Forester, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried to reconvene in public session and adjourn meeting.

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Mayor Hennessy		X			
Forester	M	X			
Florek	S	X			
Schatzle		X			
Stuart		X			
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Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Robert Bowden
Township Administrator/Clerk

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