

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
TOWN HALL  
MARCH 9, 2005**

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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 have been satisfied by forwarding a "News Release" to the Asbury Park Press on December 17, 2004 stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held on March 9, 2005 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 Florek, Committeemembers Burry, Hennessy, Stuart

Also Present: Thomas Bace, Esq., Administrator/Clerk Robert Bowden, and Deputy Clerk Aime Sweeney

Absent: Mayor Forester

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- RESOLUTION 2005-48: INTRODUCTION OF 2005 MUNICIPAL BUDGET** was read by Deputy Mayor Florek. Deputy Mayor Florek read a prepared analysis of the 2005 budget introduction.<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Burry stated that the Township Committee worked very hard to keep the 2005 budget as tight as possible. There still is the County, local schools, and Regional schools that will have an impact on the tax rate. Mr. Bowden advised the municipal tax increase is 2.2 cents. Mr. Hennessy said he can not emphasize enough that the focus here is on the 2.2 cent "municipal" increase. Mr. Stuart said this was one of the harder budgets that this Township Committee has worked on. Mr. Stuart commended the Township Committee for their efforts. With no further comments, Mrs. Burry made a motion to introduce the 2005 budget resolution, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried. Deputy Mayor Florek set the public hearing for April 13, 2005.

<b>COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE</b>					
<b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>	<b>MAYOR FORESTER</b>	<b>DEPUTY MAYOR FLOREK</b>	<b>BURRY</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
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>	X				

- APPROVAL OF MUNUTES FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2005** was read by Deputy Mayor Florek. Mrs. Burry made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2005 as amended, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried.

<b>COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE</b>					
<b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>	<b>MAYOR FORESTER</b>	<b>DEPUTY MAYOR FLOREK</b>	<b>BURRY</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
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					

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<sup>1</sup> See attached prepared analysis.

<i>Absent/Excused</i>	X				
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3. **ORDINANCE 2005-4:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 62 ENTITLED "SHADE TREE COMMISSION" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK. Deputy Mayor Florek stated that Mayor Forester requested this Ordinance be tabled until March 30, 2005 due to his absence this evening. Mrs. Burry made a motion to table the second reading on this Ordinance until March 30, 2005, seconded by Mr. Stuart and unanimously carried.

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

4. **ORDINANCE 2005-5:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK ADOPTING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ESTABLISHED ON TULIP LANE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP, AND AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 222, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", OF THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK", ACCORDINGLY was read by title on first reading by Deputy Mayor Florek. Mrs. Burry clarified this Ordinance will reduce the speed limit on Tulip Lane from 35 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h. With no further comments, Mrs. Burry made a motion to introduce this Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried. Deputy Mayor Florek set the public hearing for March 30, 2005.

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

5. **RESOLUTION 2005-49:** APPROVING FORMAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS – 2004 MUNICIPAL BUDGET was read by Deputy Mayor Florek. Deputy Mayor Florek stated \$500.00 will be transferred from Elections into Legal. 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 To Approve</i>					X
<i>Motion Seconded</i>				X	
<i>Approve</i>		X	X	X	X
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>	X				

6. **MOTION TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA** for the following Resolutions was read by Deputy Mayor Florek.

Resolution 2005-50: Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment – 2005

Resolution 2005-51: Accepting Performance Guarantees for PB Application No. 599- Illmensee Family Square, Block 48, Lot 7

With no comments made, Mrs. Burry made a motion to approve the aforementioned consent Resolutions, seconded by Mr. Stuart 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
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>	X				

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

Mr. Bowden reported that the Police Chief is seeking authorization to purchase a new 4WD vehicle as was approved in the 2005 Budget. The Township Committee were all in favor by a unanimous voice vote for the Police Chief to proceed to purchase a new 4WD vehicle for the Police Department.

Mr. Bowden reported that during a recent budget meeting an idea came up for cost savings in relation to our brush collection. It was suggested that because July and August are generally slow months for brush collection that we eliminate those two months. This would free up the Public Works man power to put their concentration into other areas during these months. Such a change may produce a learning curve with our residents. Mrs. Burry said she spoke to Edward Thompson, Public Works Director, who said that the month of April may also be a good month to eliminate brush collection as it will enable the man power to focus on preparing the fields. Mr. Stuart said he feels that education would be a key factor in making this transition. Mr. Hennessy said that he has noticed that over the years it is very difficult to educate the general public. Mr. Hennessy said he feels the residents will pile brush along the roadways throughout July and August until it eventually gets picked up. Deputy Mayor Florek felt it would be worth a try. After discussion, the consensus of the Township Committee was to try it.

8. **MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS** was made by Mr. Stuart for all vouchers totaling \$366,312.08, seconded by Mrs. Burry 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
<i>Opposed</i>					
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<i>Absent/Excused</i>	X				

## 9. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Hennessy reported the Recreation Department has its new Spring Schedule out. They have also been working hard on preparing for the Memorial Day Parade in which they expect a huge success.

Mr. Hennessy advised the First Aid Squad cancelled their meeting due to the inclement weather.

Mr. Hennessy further reported that the Fair Committee met Monday and they are hard at work planning this year's Fair. Mr. Sal Barbagallo also attended the Fair Committee meeting to discuss the rejuvenation of a new "Fair Building" at Bucks Mill Park based on contributions.

Mr. Stuart reported attending a Long Range Planning Meeting in which they reviewed Schoor Depalma's report on the Stormwater Management Plan. It is a very complex plan. We will be hearing more about this in the near future.

Mr. Stuart further reported that as Sal Barbagallo is in the process of trying to gather funds for a new fair building, he wishes to come before the Township Committee to discuss this further at some future date.

Mr. Stuart advised the Police Department have made progress with their new firing range, thanks to some local contributions of berm material. The Police Department is very appreciative for the Township Committee's support.

Mrs. Burry advised that last week was Read Across America Week in which she was invited to read to a fourth grade class at the Oak Hill Academy. It was very well received.

Mrs. Burry reported she will be meeting with Dr. Wasser next week on the status of the Regional School Budget. Mrs. Burry said she would also like to meet with Dr. Fitzpatrick to discuss the local school budget in the near future. Mrs. Burry advised that she was a little disturbed by a recent article on the "No Child Left Behind Program". As the test scores show it appears that Colts Neck High School is the only one who would qualify for this program in the region.

Mrs. Burry also reported that the Historic Preservation Committee will be having it's annual gathering at hostess, Linda Dickinson's home on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Township Committee is welcome to attend.

Mrs. Burry reported that the Farmland Preservation Committee is hopeful a bond ordinance will be introduced to purchase the development rights for the deGroot/Singlinger property.

Mrs. Burry advised that after a recent meeting with Earle Naval Weapons Station, they still do not have any definitive answers for us.

Mrs. Burry said that she received a letter from Mr. Carl Higgins regarding helicopters and air traffic control at Due Process. However, Mrs. Burry said she feels assured the State, at long last, is now in control of this situation.

Deputy Mayor Florek reported the opening day for baseball will be on April 9<sup>th</sup>. They have had great success with their basketball program. 140 applicants just signed up for the tennis program. A lacrosse program will be forthcoming.

Deputy Mayor Florek also reported that the Planning Board meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. They will meet again on March 29<sup>th</sup> with plans to adopt the Stormwater Management Plan.

10. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Vincent Domidion suggested the Stormwater Management Plan would lend aid to brush control policies.

11. **RESOLUTION 2005-52:** EXECUTIVE SESSION was read by Deputy Mayor Florek. With no further comments, Mr. Hennessy made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Stuart 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
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>	X				

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Robert Bowden,  
Township Administrator

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