

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 26, 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 March 26, 2008 at 7:40 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 (arriving late)

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

Absent: None

1. **PUBLIC RECOGNITION:** In recognition of Mr. William McBride's retirement, Mayor Hennessy presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Township Committee for 36 years of service in the field of public health, including 27 years as Colts Neck Health Officer. Mr. Schatzle read aloud a proclamation in honor of Mr. McBride, noting his professionalism, dedication and commitment to the public good throughout his career, and proclaiming April 1, 2008 as Mr. William J. McBride, Jr. Day within the Township of Colts Neck. Mr. Bowden commented a true indication of Mr. McBride's presence was his ability to resolve even the most complex issues without Township Committee intervention. Mr. McBride was appointed Acting Administrator in Mr. Bowden's absence throughout the years. Mr. Bowden presented Mr. McBride with a gift from the Township Committee and the Administrator. Ms. Judy Laufer thanked Mr. McBride on behalf of the Township's Senior Citizens. Mr. McBride thanked the Township Committee; his wife, Nancy; Mr. Bowden; Ms. Kara; and wished his replacement, Mr. Frank, good luck in the years ahead. Mr. McBride commented it was great working with everyone, and he always felt there was never a day he didn't want to come to work.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2008.** Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Florek, and unanimously carried by all present.

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Hennessy			X			
Forester			X			
Florek	S		X			
Schatzle	M		X			
Stuart						X

X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent M - Moved S - Seconded

3. **INTRODUCTION OF 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.** Mayor Hennessy read the summary of the 2008 Budget appended to these minutes.

Mr. Stuart arrived at 7:55 p.m. .

4. **RESOLUTION 2008-52:** AUTHORIZING INTRODUCTION OF 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET was read in full by Mayor Hennessy. Mr. Forester

made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried. The date for public hearing was set April 30, 2008.

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. **RESOLUTION 2008-53:** OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE was read in full by Mayor Hennessy. The text of this resolution includes the Governing Body's sentiment that the elimination of the Department of Agriculture in the 2008/2009 budget for reasons of financial economies is extremely short sighted without any appreciable savings. The Governing Body supports keeping an autonomous Department of Agriculture with the singular purpose of preserving and fortifying agriculture and open space free of any conflicts or internal pressures that consolidation would almost certainly bring. The Governing Body opposes the elimination or consolidation of the Department of Agriculture and urges the Governor and State Legislature to abandon this initiative. Mr. Forester made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stuart and unanimously carried.

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Hennessy		X			
Forester	M	X			
Florek		X			
Schatzle		X			
Stuart	S	X			
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6. **RESOLUTION 2008-54:** AUTHORIZING FORMAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS – 2007 BUDGET was read by title by Mayor Hennessy. Mr. Bowden advised after March 31, no additional transfer resolutions can be made for the 2007 Budget. This resolution authorizes the transfer of \$28,000 from Snow Removal, Other Expenses; to Police Department, Salaries and Wages (\$10,000); and Buildings and Grounds, Other Expenses (\$18,000); to cover additional salaries and expenses, respectively. Mr. Forester made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Hennessy		X			
Forester	M	X			
Florek		X			
Schatzle	S	X			
Stuart		X			
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7. **RESOLUTION 2008-55:** AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A PETITION OF APPEAL COMPLAINT OR COUNTERCLAIM FOR TAX YEAR 2008 WITH THE MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION AND THE TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY (BLOCK 46, LOT 15.1) was read by title by Mayor Hennessy. Mr. Bowden advised this resolution authorizes the Township's Special Counsel, Ms. Nergaard, to file a Petition of Appeal or Counterclaim related to the on-going appeal filed on behalf of all New Jersey PNC Banks. Mr. Florek made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stuart and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Hennessy		X			
Forester		X			
Florek	M	X			
Schatzle		X			
Stuart	S	X			
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8. **MOTION TO ADOPT A CONSENT AGENDA:**
9. ***RESOLUTION 2008-56:** APPROVING RAFFLE APPLICATION NO 08-3, OFF-PREMISES, 50/50 CASH RAFFLE; JUNE 8, 2008, MONMOUTH CONSERVATION FOUNDATION.
10. ***RESOLUTION 2008-57:** APPROVING RAFFLE APPLICATION NO. 08-4, ON-PREMISES, 50/50 CASH RAFFLE; APRIL 12, 2008, COLTS NECK SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC.
11. ***RESOLUTION 2008-58:** APPROVING RAFFLE APPLICATION NO. 08-5, ON-PREMISES, GIFT BASKET RAFFLE, MAY 21, 2008, FRIENDS OF MONMOUTH COUNTS PARKS, INC.

Mr. Forester made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle, and unanimously approved.

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Florek		X			
Schatzle	S	X			
Stuart		X			
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12. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT.** Mr. Bowden had nothing further to add to his report. Mr. Bowden stated the publication of Bond Ordinance No. 2008-3 adopted at the last Township Committee Meeting was done incorrectly and is required to be re-published. This ordinance will be on the next meeting agenda for public hearing and adoption. The affected property owners and County Agriculture Board have been apprised of the one-month delay.

Mr. Bowden reported two "Turtle Crossing" signs were installed on Bucks Mill Road today requesting motorists to reduce speed and proceed with caution.

Mr. Bowden reported JCP&L has requested authorization to land and re-fuel their helicopters at two adjacent substations in connection with their live line maintenance for the Central New Jersey region. Discussion ensued. Mr. Bowden was asked to provide the Governing Body with more details about the locations of the substations and the number of flights anticipated before a decision can be reached.

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

Animal Control	\$282.25
Construction Trust	\$10,633.07
Current Fund	\$2,347,204.98
Escrow	\$14,272.00
Farmland Preservation Trust	\$148.50
Grant Fund	\$1,604.94
Trust Fund	\$7,548.93
TOTAL APPROVED:	\$2,381,694.67

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

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Forester	M		X			
Florek			X			
Schatzle			X			
Stuart		S	X			
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14. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Florek reported the COAH Committee presented objections to the State, meeting the March 22, 2008 deadline. Mr. Florek noted Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts has introduced legislation (A-500) pertaining to the elimination of Regional Contribution Agreements and other affordable housing regulations. Mr. Florek wants a resolution on the next meeting agenda opposing the Assembly Bill.

Mr. Florek reported ten new members of the Fire Department are in the Academy. The Fire Department is looking to sell the old truck to offset the cost of the new truck. The Deputy Chief met with the County to discuss the installation of the blinking light planned for Fire House 1. The County is planning to install two solar powered, remote activated lights to control traffic in both directions, the costs of which will be equally shared by the County and Fire Company 1.

Mr. Florek reported the Colts Neck Sports Foundation is seeking candidates for it Golden Whistle Award, which recognizes coaches who strive for the pursuit of excellence while honoring the sport.

Mr. Forester reported the annual Clean Up Days would be held for Township residents on May 31 and June 7, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Public Works Garage on Route 34.

Mr. Stuart had no report this evening.

Mr. Schatzle reported several First Aid Squad members completed their EMT training. The Baptist Church held a pancake breakfast fund raiser for the First Aid Squad.

Mr. Schatzle reported Mr. Frank conducted his first Board of Health meeting, and he is fitting well into his new position.

Mr. Schatzle reported Colts Neck Polo begins its 2008 season on May 25, 2008.

Mr. Schatzle reported the Drug and Alcohol Alliance Assessment Committee completed their review and reported findings to the County. More school participation in the program is encouraged.

Mr. Schatzle reported the Historic Preservation Committee is planning their Spring Reception in April in preparation for the October House Tour.

Mr. Schatzle reported the Post Office completed a draft report on the re-numbering of addresses on Route 34. The draft is currently under review by the Police Chief, and comments are being solicited. May 1 is the projected date for noticing all affected, with a one-year transition period for businesses and homeowners.

Mayor Hennessy had no report this evening.

15. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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

Mr. Vince Domidion, a resident, commented on the turtle crossing sign at Bucks Mill Road and suggested an additional location near Willow Brook Road to protect crossing snapping turtles.

Mr. Domidion stated he recently attended the Monmouth County Greentable during which the GIS was presented. Mr. Domidion stated this is a powerful tool and suggested it may be worthwhile to have a presentation made to the Governing Body on this topic.

Ms. Diana Piotrowski, a resident, asked if a copy of the 2008 budget was available for viewing. Ms. Piotrowski was advised copies are available at Town Hall and the Library.

Mr. Chuck Cammarata, a resident, questioned why the Governing Body was opposed to the transfer of the State Department of Agriculture. Mayor Hennessy re-read Resolution 2008-53, which explains the reasons for opposition. Mr. Cammarata commented the State Treasurer testified that savings could be achieved by consolidating, and Mr. Cammarata's opinion is in sync with the State Treasurer.

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

16. **RESOLUTION 2008-59:** EXECUTIVE SESSION was read by Mayor Hennessy at 8:18 p.m. Mr. Forester made a motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

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

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

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Mayor Hennessy			X			
Forester			X			
Florek		S	X			
Schatzle		M	X			
Stuart			X			
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Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Robert Bowden
Township Administrator/Clerk

Attachment

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