

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 12, 2006
7:30 P.M. AT THE COURT HOUSE**

The meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Florek followed by a salute to the flag. The following statement was read by Township Administrator/Clerk, Robert 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 22, 2005 stating that the meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held on July 12, 2006 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 Florek, Deputy Mayor Stuart, Committeemembers Burry, Forester and Hennessy

Also Present: Robert Bowden; John O. Bennett, III, Esq., and Ruth Leininger

Absent: None

1. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** THE ONLY MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SCHEDULED IN AUGUST WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 16, 2006. Mayor Florek announced that there will only be one meeting for the month of August. The date is August 16, 2006 at Town Hall.

2. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT:** MS. SASHE ANNETE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, WITH A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2008. Mayor Florek commented that he was impressed by Ms. Annete's dedication to green building and her pursuit of renewable energy. This is something that he is interested in and would like to see incorporated in Colts Neck.

Ms. Annete was sworn in by Mr. Bowden. Ms. Annete stated she was very honored to accept this appointment and felt it was a privilege to serve the Township.

3. **PRESENTATION:** MR. DECLAN O'SCANLON – WIRELESS ANTENNAE PLACEMENT AT TOWN HALL.

It is apparent the current tower that is used for emergency services will need to be replaced in the near future. The Township also recognizes the need for wireless towers. Mr. O'Scanlon explained he had been retained by the Township to avoid random towers being placed throughout the town by coordinating the needs of the Township with other carriers.

Mr. O'Scanlon has been speaking to carriers and has two that are interested in meeting the requirements of the Township, such as height, emergency services placement, etc. Bid specifications have been drafted and are in the process of being reviewed by the Township Attorney. The true benefit of the Township going out to bid for a tower on Township property is that we have control along with minimal costs.

The location of the proposed site is behind the First Aid building. Landscaping and screening will also be required. It was agreed that Mr. Stuart and Mrs. Burry will host a public hearing, letters informing all property owners within 500' of the property will be sent out.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2006.** Mr. Forester made a motion to approve the minutes of June 28, 2006 as amended, seconded by Mr. Stuart and unanimously carried.

COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE					
RECORD OF VOTE	MAYOR FLOREK	DEPUTY MAYOR STUART	BURRY	HENNESSY	FORESTER
<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. **ORDINANCE 2006-13:** ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 102, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 61 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK ENTITLED "HEIGHT LIMITS" was read by title on first reading by Mayor Florek. This is an item the committee has been talking about for several months and felt it was appropriate and timely. With no further comments, Mayor Florek called for a motion. Mr. Stuart made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Forester and unanimously carried. A public hearing is set for August 16, 2006.

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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. **ORDINANCE 2006-14:** ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 102 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS", PERTAINING TO WIRELESS TOWERS AND ANTENNAES. was read by title on first reading by Mayor Florek. Mrs. Burry was concerned with the wording that would not exclude antennas from being placed on a barn, silo or spire. Mr. Bennett, Esq. recommended a clarification.

With no further comments, Mayor Florek called for a motion. Mrs. Burry made a motion to approve as amended, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried. A public hearing is set for August 16, 2006.

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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 2006-105:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL DOG CENSUS – CHARLES AND KYLE VANDERPOOL was read by title by Mayor Florek.

Mr. Bowden explained the State requires a dog census be conducted each year. This process is for rabies and license control. The Vanderpool's will have a list of addresses where dog licenses are issued and physically visit all remaining homes in the Township. They will have photo I. D.'s issued by the Police Department to identify who they are. There is money in the dog account to have this done.

It was the consensus that this was a good way to have this time consuming, State requirement taken care of. With no further comments, Mayor Florek called for a motion. Mr. Hennessy made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stuart and unanimously carried.

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<i>Motion Seconded</i>		X			
<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	X
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8. **MOTION TO ADOPT A CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Florek read the following consent agenda resolutions by title:

***RESOLUTION 2006-106A:** APPROVING RAFFLE APPLICATION – FRIENDS OF HOLMDEL OPEN SPACE

***RESOLUTION 2006-106:** APPROVING RAFFLE APPLICATIONS – 2006 COLTS NECK FAIR

***RESOLUTION 2006-107:** AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF INSPECTION FEES – PB629 (CAMELOT).

***RESOLUTION 2006-108:** AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES – PB639 (MILLER)

***RESOLUTION 2006-109:** AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES – STREET OPENING, 32 MEADOWVIEW DRIVE (RIVELL), BLOCK 7.17, LOT 2

***RESOLUTION 2006-109A:** EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF THIRD QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES

With no further comments, Mayor Florek called for a motion. Mr. Hennessy made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Burry and unanimously carried.

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<i>Motion Seconded</i>				X	
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9. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Bowden explained that he was in the process of getting bids for appraisals of the Hammond farm. Since the next Township Committee meeting is not until August 16th the Committee gave approval to award the bid to the lowest two bidders so the process can move along.

Mr. Bowden advised that it appears a new air conditioner will be needed in the near future at Town Hall. A second company has come in to evaluate the situation and we may be able to be hold off the work until the fall but the price of the work will cost between \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00.

The Department of Public Works has been having a problem with their septic and it appears they need a new one. The cost of this is approximately \$20,000.00. This needs to be done soon.

Mr. Bowden received a request for a refund of a \$90.00 construction permit from the parent of a first aid volunteer. He asked the Committee their interpretation of the ordinance that waives various permit fees for volunteers. They felt the \$90.00 should be refunded.

10. **MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS**

Mr. Forester reviewed and signed the vouchers and commented all were in order. Mr. Forester made a motion to approval all vouchers totaling \$3,488,873.37, seconded by Mrs. Burry and unanimously carried.

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<i>Motion Seconded</i>				X	
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11. **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Hennessy reported he went to the Fair Committee meeting and posters will soon be seen around town. The financial backing is equal to that of last year and it appears it will be another successful year.

The First Aid had 66 calls in the month of June. They also sent a truck to Trenton to help evacuate a hospital because of the floods.

The Recreation Department reported that over 700 children are enrolled in the summer program. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade program was almost dropped a few years ago; this year it was very popular.

A Garden for the Blind is being built behind the library as an Eagle Project. This is the only one in the State.

Bids are coming in to repair the fitness trail. Hopefully work will begin mid September.

Mr. Stuart reported the Trail Riders Club had requested maintenance be done on the trails. The Public Works Department is working on this and finding a large problem of encroachment violations. The Trailrider's are identifying and photographing the violations and then turning over to the Shade Tree Commission for evaluation.

It was noted that many people move into town not understanding the meaning of greenways and easements. It was felt that some type of flyer should be made and given to real estate agencies and mailed as a newsletter and put in with tax bills.

Mr. Forester had nothing to report.

Mrs. Burry reported that the Hammond property being considered for Farmland Preservation is a 21.29 acre parcel that is taking 1 ½ acres for exception putting 19.79 acres into Farmland Preservation. They also have two other applications that are being considered.

The Architectural Review Committee will be giving out their Architectural Excellence Awards at the August 16th Township Committee Meeting.

Mayor Florek reported the July 4th Fireworks celebration went very well in between storms.

The Sports Foundation had volunteers remove backstops at both Conover and Cedar Drive schools. They are in need of people to pour concrete for the pads and dugouts.

12. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Elaine Mann, Route 34 said she researched the amount paid for plaques that were given out for historic sites and felt it was unnecessary use of taxpayers money. Mayor Florek stated the committee felt it was important to recognize special historical sites in town.

Doris Resch, Clover Hill Road stated that she agreed with towns buying large farms for Farmland Preservation, however she felt that the purchase of many of the smaller properties was asking too much from the taxpayers. Mr. Stuart explained that any property had to be certified by the State that it had development potential in order to be eligible. The State is now raising the threshold with a higher level of restrictions for a property to be eligible. Mrs. Burry stated that the commitment Colts Neck residents made some ten years ago is what sets us apart from Marlboro and Holmdel.

Diana Piotrowski, Laird Road wanted to know if committees could be self sufficient or else eliminated. It was pointed out that recreation, sports foundation and the court all collect fees that help subsidize them. Ms. Piotrowski felt that each entity should be fiscally responsible. Mr. Stuart reminded everyone that only 9% of each tax bill goes to the Township.

13. **RESOLUTION 2006-110: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	X
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Motion by Mr. Hennessy, seconded by Mr. Stuart to adjourn closed session with unanimous voice vote.

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14. Motion by Mr. Forester, seconded by Mr. Stuart to reconvene in public session and adjourn the public meeting with unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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Robert Bowden, Township Administrator
RB/rl