

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2003**

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 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 16, 2002 stating that a meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held on September 24, 2003 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 Burry, Committeemembers, Florek, Forester, Stuart, and Mayor Hennessy

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

Absent: None

1. **RESOLUTION 2003-141: CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN – MR. KENNETH OLSON** was read by Mayor Hennessy. Mayor Hennessy advised Mr. Olson has been employed by the Township since 1986 and has previously been promoted from Laborer to Truck Driver to Heavy Equipment Operator. Mr. Olson is currently pursuing a Public Works Manager certification from Rutgers University. Mr. Olson is also a Township resident and a member of the Colts Neck Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Hennessy called to the floor Mr. Edward Thompson, Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Thompson advised that Mr. Olson is an asset to the Township and well respected by both the residents and his coworkers. Mr. Olson thanked the Mayor and Township Committee for appointing him as Foreman and said it is a pleasure working with everyone. With no further comments, Mrs. Burry made a motion to approve this Resolution, seconded by Mr. Forester and unanimously carried.

Roll call indicated the following:

Approve: Deputy Mayor Burry, Committeemembers Florek, Forester, Stuart, and Mayor Hennessy

Oppose: None

2. **PRESENTATION: REPLACE BUCKS MILL PARK MEETING BUILDING –** Mayor Hennessy introduced Mr. Thomas Clarke, Esq. Mr. Clarke reviewed possible features for proposed new structure which would replace the existing potting shed at Bucks Mill Park. This building will be for uses consistent with outdoor recreation. The interior of the building could be used for boy scouts, the Colts Neck Fair, Trail Riders and for storage. The design of the structure will enhance the character of the Township and yet be low maintenance. The estimated cost is \$125,000.00 which will be funded by the sale of raffle tickets (\$100.00 each) for a Hummer. Mrs. Burry asked what happened to the log cabin design? Mr. Clarke said they found the log-cabin looked too plain while the design presented this evening is a more economical and a user friendly option. Mayor Hennessy introduced Mr. Kelly. Mr. Kelly advised this is a Morton Building, a metal structure designed to be maintenance free, have multipurpose use, and be economical. Mr. Kelly advised the building in the picture is 2000 square feet. It comes in any color and may take three months from start to finish. This is a well-known reputable company and the building comes with a 50 year guarantee. Mayor Hennessy asked if septic is included in \$125,000.00 estimated cost? Mr. Kelly said they are hoping for a generous donor for that. Mayor Hennessy asked if it is possible to configure this building with more meeting and

storage space. Mr. Kelly said yes. Mayor Hennessy asked if the existing potting shed will be left alone or be taken down? Mr. Kelly said it will be taken down and the new structure can be expanded as needed. Mrs. Burry said this is a green acres park and there are certain restrictions in place. Mr. Clarke said he is aware of this and will submit a request to Green Acres for their letter of approval if the Governing Body approves this project. Mr. Bowden further clarified this structure is for outdoor recreation only. Mrs. Burry asked if seniors will be able to use it. Mr. Bowden said yes, but only for outdoor recreational purposes. Mr. Clarke said he is seeking consent to proceed. Mr. Florek said it doesn't sound like a bad idea, and there are clearly a number of uses, but wishes to see the site for himself. Mr. Stuart said it is a splendid idea and doesn't feel 2000 square feet to be out of proportion. Many groups will benefit from this new structure. Mrs. Burry said she is happy to replace the old potting shed structure and supports this idea, however, Mrs. Burry said she feels we need to come up with parameters for the building.

Mr. Forester said he too wants to visit the sight. Mayor Hennessy asked how we should proceed? Mrs. Burry said she would like the plans to go before the Architectural Review Board. Mr. Forester asked how long it will take to raise the funds? Mr. Clarke said he is unsure, but hopes the Fall Festival Parade on the 19th will be a good kick-off for the Raffle. A car dealer in Perrine, NJ on Route 130 said he will be happy to allow their Hummer to be displayed in Colts Neck and will arrange for the necessary insurance. After brief discussion, the Township Committee decided to continue this discussion at the next Township Committee meeting.

3. **PRESENTATION: REVERSE 9-1-1 COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM – POLICE CHIEF KEVIN SAUTER** . Mayor Hennessy introduced Kevin Sauter, Police Chief. Chief Sauter gave a brief history on the Reverse 9-1-1 system. Chief Sauter introduced Terry, Territory Manager for Reverse 9-1-1. Mr. Bowden asked if the Reverse 9-1-1 name is a trademark name? Terry said yes, and the company has been in operation for 16 years. Terry explained how the system works. The only limitations to the system is your creativity level Mr. Bowden asked how fast the system is? Terry said about 1000 calls per hour. Mr. Bowden asked how many law enforcement agencies are using this system? Terry said about 300 to 500 across the nation. Mayor Hennessy said he is very concerned with obsolescence. Terry said there is a warranty with the contract that covers this with software and upgrades. Chief Sauter said the system is set up in Holmdel and anyone is welcome to so visit Holmdel to see it first hand. Mayor Hennessy thanked Terry and Chief Sauter.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2003** was read by Mayor Hennessy. Mrs. Burry made a motion to table the minutes for September 10th to the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Stuart and unanimously carried.

Roll call indicated the following:

Approve: Deputy Mayor Burry, Committeemembers Florek, Forester, Stuart, and Mayor Hennessy

Oppose: None

5. **ORDINANCE 2003-14: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 73 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK ENTITLED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (FEES)** was read by Mayor Hennessy by title on first reading. Mr. Bowden explained and reviewed the increases that will affect annual renewals of local liquor licenses. With no further comments, Mayor Hennessy set the public hearing for October 29, 2003. Mrs. Burry made a motion to introduce this Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Forester and unanimously carried.

Roll call indicated the following:

Approve: Deputy Mayor Burry, Committeemembers Florek, Forester, and Mayor Hennessy

Oppose: None

Abstain: Committeeman Stuart

6. **RESOLUTION 2003-142**: CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT PROSECUTOR – MS. TERRY KONDRUP-COYLE ESQ. was read by Mayor Hennessy. With no comments made, Mr. Florek made a motion to approve this Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Burry and unanimously carried.

Roll call indicated the following:

Approve: Deputy Mayor Burry, Committeemembers Florek, Forester, Stuart, and Mayor Hennessy

Oppose: None

7. **RESOLUTION 2003-143**: AUTHORIZING AWARD OF INFORMAL BID – 2003 CURB IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM was read by Mayor Hennessy. With no comments made, Mrs. Burry made a motion to approve this Resolution, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried.

Roll call indicated the following:

Approve: Deputy Mayor Burry, Committeemembers Florek, Forester, Stuart, and Mayor Hennessy

Oppose: None

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

Resolution 2003-143: Authorizing Recreation Program Refunds

Resolution 2003-144: Authorizing Recreation Program Refunds

Resolution 2003-145: Authorizing Refund of Special Performance Guarantee – Road Opening At Block 12.02, Lot 2 (Lewis)

Resolution 2003-145A: Authorizing Reduction of Performance Guarantees – PB Application No. 557 (FJS Enterprises, LLC)

Resolution 2003-146: Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayments

Resolution 2003-147: Authorizing Refund – Construction Permit Application
With no comments made, Mr. Forester made a motion to approve all aforementioned Resolutions, seconded by Mrs. Burry and unanimously carried.

Roll call indicated the following:

Approve: Deputy Mayor Burry, Committeemembers Florek, Forester, Stuart, and Mayor Hennessy

Oppose: None

9. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT** Mr. Bowden reported that the Police Chief has requested that the "No Left Turn" Ordinance be repealed at the Colts Neck Shopping Center. Chief Sauter said that enforcement of this has been an enforcement nightmare and since there have been no motor vehicle accidents recommends the sign be removed. Mr. Bowden said the Police Chief has had patrols study this site. Mr. Anfuso, Township Planner, also agrees, but stated that removal of the sign would require an Ordinance. Mr. Florek said the no left turn sign is often abused and sees no problem removing the sign. Mr. Stuart said he too agrees with the Police Chief. Mrs. Burry said that she remembers back when the site was discussed with the Planning Board that the Long Range Planning Committee felt that it was too dangerous to make a left turn at that spot. But, with that said, Mrs. Burry said she would not have a problem with the sign being removed. Mr. Forester said if the sign is not going to be enforced, then he sees no need for it. Mr. Bowden concluded by saying an Ordinance will be on a future agenda.
10. **MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS** was made by Mr. Forester for all vouchers totaling \$2,574,133.11, seconded by Mrs. Burry and unanimously carried.

Roll call indicated the following:

Approve: Deputy Mayor Burry, Committeemembers Florek, Forester, Stuart, and Mayor Hennessy

Oppose: None

11. **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Florek reported an ecumenical event is scheduled for Sunday, September 28th at 3:00 p.m., at St. Mary's Church. Mr. Florek said this should be an excellent event and urges all to attend.

Mr. Florek further reported the Colts Neck Fire Department is working on standpipes with the NJ American Water Company.

Mr. Florek concluded by saying the contracts for the new tanker are all signed.

Mr. Stuart reported that the New Street report is in review.

Mrs. Burry reported the Sessa Farm will receive grant money within a month. The County advises that upon closing we will have to pay our fair share; \$59,305.00.

Mrs. Burry continued to report the Historic Preservation Committee would like to earmark \$25,000.00 out of the Dedicated Open Space Tax for painting, carpentry, alarm systems, and fencing for the Montrose Road School House. The Historic Preservation Committee is also seeking a matching grant from the County. After brief discussion, the Township Committee agreed to allow up to \$25,000.00 for said renovations to the Montrose Road School House.

Mrs. Burry further reported that the 4th Annual House Tour is scheduled for October 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and tickets are still available. This year there will be a great variety, including a vineyard.

Mrs. Burry reported she received a memo from the New Jersey State League of Municipalities pertaining to a public question making which would make \$150 million available for historic preservation and farmland preservation and open space. After brief discussion, the Township Committee unanimously agreed to proceed with a resolution of support.

Mrs. Burry thanked Mr. Bowden for writing a letter to Mr. Greg McDonough, NJDOT, about the increased helicopter traffic at Due Process.

Mr. Forrester reported that he has no report this evening.

Mayor Hennessy promoted the Fall Festival scheduled for Sunday, October 19th and encouraged all to attend.

12. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Glenn Axelrod, Cedar Drive, said he has an interesting problem in that his neighbor didn't get the proper approvals from the Town and the State for the work he has had done on his property nor is his neighbor paying any property taxes. Mr. Axelrod said his neighbor dammed up a natural water flow causing a whole domino effect of problems. Mayor Hennessy said he reported the stream encroachment to the State and is sorry to hear that nothing has been done. Mayor Hennessy authorized the Township Administrator to research this problem.

Mr. Vince Domidion said the presentation for the Reverse 9-1-1 system was well done, however, he is convinced more then ever that it is a complete waste of money.

Mr. Paul Franklin, 16 Fairway East, said that Tom Clarke' proposal for a new block building at Bucks Mill Park was a very good idea. Mr. Franklin said he feels it's important for the Town to support Mr. Clarke's civic project.

Mr. Tom Russel said that he is surprised the school system does not utilize the Reverse 9-1-1 system. Mr. Russel concluded by saying the curbside needs repair on Richdale Road.

Mr. Chris Lupia asked if it is true the Colts Neck Golf Club has a liquor license? Mayor Hennessy said yes, they have a Club License.

13. **RESOLUTION 2003-148**: EXECUTIVE SESSION was read by Mayor Hennessy. With no further comments made, Mrs. Burry made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Forester and unanimously carried.

Roll call indicated the following:

Approve: Deputy Mayor Burry, Committeemembers Florek, Forester, Stuart, and Mayor Hennessy

Oppose: None



Robert Bowden,
Township Administrator

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