

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2005
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 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 has 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 September 14, 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: Mayor Forester, Deputy Mayor Florek, Committeemembers Burry and Hennessy

Also Present: Robert Bowden; Thomas Bace, Esq., and Beth Kara

Absent: Committeemember Stuart arrived while meeting was in progress.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENT – HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS:**
Mayor Forester introduced Ms. Laura Sheehy, who spoke of progress made to date for the one-day, rain or shine event scheduled for Bucks Mill Park Saturday, October 8, 2005. The final draft of the Township-wide mailing was provided to the Township Committee, which is scheduled for release Saturday, October 1. Flyers will be distributed within the Colts Neck school system. The Asbury Park Press will be notified. The event's list of sponsors is growing, and Colts Neck Realty pledged support during the Committee Meeting. Ms. Sheehy made particular mention of Ann's Party Rentals for their generous donations and deeply discounted prices. The Township Committee praised Ms. Sheehy for her efforts and wished her well for a successful event.

2. **RESOLUTION 2005-244A:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF MS. MARY FOURNIER TO COLTS NECK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE. Committeewoman Burry expressed her regret at receiving Ms. Julie McGowan's resignation from this committee. The vacancy led to the opportunity for Ms. Mary Fournier, a volunteer member of the committee for the past six months, to fill the vacancy. Committeewoman Burry indicated Ms. Fournier's family, the VanNess's, were in the community from the early 1900's. Ms. Fournier thanked the Township Committee and stated she is looking forward to the Historic Preservation Committee's House Tour on October 1. Mrs. Burry made a motion to approve this resolution, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and carried by all Committee members in attendance.

COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE					
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

3. **ORDINANCE 2005-22:** AMENDING CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK ENTITLED BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (POWERS AND DUTIES) was read by Mayor Forester by title on second reading. Mayor Forester explained the review and comments provided under this would be non-binding. Mrs. Burry stated this was similar to what is being done in the Architectural Review Committee. Mr. Vince Domidion, a resident, voiced his opinion that the ordinance was appropriate and formalizes the voice the Business Advisory Committee should have within the community. Mrs. Burry made a motion to approve this resolution, seconded by Mr. Florek and carried by all Committee members in attendance.

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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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2005:**

Mrs. Burry noted revisions within Sections 2 and 11 of the draft minutes. Mrs. Burry then made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2005, as amended, seconded by Deputy Mayor Florek and unanimously carried by all Committee members in attendance.

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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

5. **ORDINANCE 2005-21:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK AND THE COLTS NECK BOARD OF EDUCATION, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, ET SEQ., RELATING TO THE LEASE OF THE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY FOR A TRANSPORTATION FACILITY ON A PORTION OF BLOCK 48.01, LOT 2, was read by Mayor Forester on first reading by title. Mayor Forester stated this was a long sought after lease. Based on advice of Counsel, Mr. Bowden advised the governing body that all issues were resolved, and the lease document protects the interests of the Township. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Florek, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried by all Committee members in attendance. The public hearing is set for October 12, 2005.

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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. **RESOLUTION 2005-243:** APPROVING EXTENSION OF AD-INTERIM LIQUOR LICENSE GABEGEO, INC., D/B/A COLTS NECK INN STEAK AND CHOP HOUSE, LICENSE NO. 1309-33-004-002 was read by Mayor Forester by title. Mayor Forester then indicated the litigation was not completed and an extension of the temporary liquor license for an additional 60 days was ordered by a Superior Court Judge. Mr. Florek made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hennessy, and unanimously carried by all Committee members in attendance.

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<i>Motion Seconded</i>				X	
<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Opposed</i>					
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<i>Absent/Excused</i>					X

7. **PROCLAMATION:** IN HONOR OF MRS. ANN HAGER. Mrs. Burry spoke of the many years she sat with Mrs. Hager negotiating school budget issues as well as time spent together on the Architectural Review Board and Mrs. Hager's participation in the Business Advisory Committee. Mrs. Burry expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Hager and said she can't think of anyone more deserving of a Township day named in her honor. Mayor Forester then read the Proclamation in its entirety, which commended Mrs. Hager for her 21 years service within the Board of Education, 14 years of which were in the capacity as President. By Proclamation, September 29, 2005 was officially designated "Ann Hager Day" within the Township of Colts Neck. Mrs. Hager praised the team she worked with that made things happen. She applauded the exceptional relationship between the Board of Education and the Township Committee. The Township Committee was very fair, and the two groups worked well together, improving relationships and making sound decisions for the children's benefit.

8. **RESOLUTION 2005-244:** ESTABLISHING FEES FOR FLU VACCINATIONS was read by Mayor Forester by title. This resolution establishes a fee of \$10 per vaccination for Township seniors age 62 and over without a Medicare card and Township employees. There is no charge to seniors possessing a Medicare card. This fee covers the cost of the immunization and is not a profit making endeavor. The immunizations will be administered in the Municipal Court Room, Wednesday, October 19, 2005, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Laufer, Senior Citizens President, reported immunizations for Township seniors would also be given October 12 at the Senior Citizens meeting. A motion to approve was made by Mrs. Burry, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried by those in attendance.

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<i>Motion Seconded</i>				X	
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<i>Opposed</i>					
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<i>Absent/Excused</i>					X

9. **MOTION TO ADOPT A CONSENT AGENDA** was read by Mayor Forester by title for the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2005-245: APPROVING RAFFLE APPLICATION NO. 05-25, NRT (NATIONAL REALTY TRUST) FOUNDATION – 50/50 RAFFLE.

RESOLUTION 2005-246: AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE, P.B. APPLICATION NO. 531 (PEGASUS).

RESOLUTION 2005-247: AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF 2005 TAXES ON THE ADDED BUILDING ASSESSMENT FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY THROUGH AUGUST PER THE TAX ASSESSOR.

RESOLUTION 2005-248: AUTHORIZING REDUCTIONS IN PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES, P.B. APPLICATION NO. 532 (SHADOW ISLE GOLF CLUB, PHASE II).

With no comments made, Mr. Florek motioned to approve, seconded by Mrs. Burry and unanimously carried.

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10. **ORDINANCE 2005-23:** AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER, CHAPTER 190, ENTITLED “SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY RESTRICTION ORDINANCE” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Mrs. Burry opened her discussion noting sex offender ordinances were recently introduced and passed by Manalapan, Freehold, Neptune, Spring Lake Heights and Middletown, and she is proposing Colts Neck introduce an ordinance patterned after the Manalapan ordinance. While no incidents have occurred within Colts Neck, this ordinance would be proactive, safeguarding the most vulnerable residents of Colts Neck. The proposed ordinance would prohibit a convicted violator of any crime against a minor, who is required to register with the proper authorities, from living within 2500 feet of any public or private school where the dominant school population is 18 years of age or younger; any child care center; any Township, County or State park, playground or preserve; or any public library. While this may seem like a great distance, Mrs. Burry said it reflects the geographical profile of Colts Neck with vast open spaces and large lot zoning. Mrs. Burry then referred to the engineer’s map showing which areas of Colts Neck would be affected. If a registered offender established residency within the 2500 foot zone prior to the effective date of this statute, the offender would not be asked to move. After adoption, if a registered violator resides or lives within a designated area, the offender would have 60 days from receipt of the Township’s written notice to move to a location outside the 2500 foot zone or face a fine of between \$500 and \$1250; perform community service not to exceed 90 days or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding 90 days. Mayor Forester questioned the impact State legislation would have on this ordinance. Mr. Bace replied the State statute would supersede any local ordinances. Mr. Florek commented that the Colts Neck Sports Foundation is fingerprinting coaches. He is in favor of the 2500 foot restriction and said it

was a step in the right direction. Mr. Florek then asked if there was a failure to relocate after 60 days, would another notice be issued? Mr. Stuart asked if a fine were paid and the registered violator remained in place, would that initiate a court hearing? Mr. Bace indicated subsequent violations would require additional notices and no sex offender ordinance passed to date has language that provides subsequent threats for non-compliance. Mayor Forester indicated he wanted to proceed with the introduction. Mr. Stuart commended Mrs. Burry for bringing the issue forward and said it was a good, pro-active step. The ordinance was then read by Mayor Forester by title. Mrs. Burry made a motion to introduce this ordinance, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried. Mayor Forester set the date of the public hearing for October 12, 2005.

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<i>Motion Seconded</i>		X			
<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	X
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11. **DISCUSSION:** AMEND PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE – USE OF PUBLIC PARKS. Mr. Hennessy discussed historical issues surrounding a Cottage Crafts craft show held within Bucks Mill Park. Initially, a traffic situation occurred, and Mr. Hennessy worked with Cottage Crafts to re-direct traffic. A professional parking organization was hired. At that time, Mr. Hennessy asked for an additional year to straighten things out, but the vote against continuing the event was cast. It was felt the event did not bring in enough revenue to the Township and it didn't offer an additional enhancement. Cottage Crafts moved the craft fair to PNC; however, the PNC venue is not the same and the exhibitors miss Colts Neck. Mr. Hennessy is a proponent of events that enhance the Township. The traffic problem was dealt with and is non-existent, reimbursement to the Township for the use of Bucks Mill Park will be larger (Cottage Crafts is willing to double the fees while charging Colts Neck residents a reduced entrance fee), and Cottage Crafts will provide a 10' x 10' booth to the Township for display use by a non-profit entity. Since "for profit" ventures are now prohibited by Township Code, Mr. Hennessy wanted to explore the possibility for change. Mrs. Burry indicated that timing was everything, and the scheduling of a craft fair should not conflict with the Fair in August or pumpkin picking in the peak fall weekends. Mr. Hennessy indicated pumpkin picking doesn't have the same thrust it did in the past two years, but the scheduling of a craft fair would take the Township events calendar into account. Mr. Florek suggested speaking with the Police Chief to determine if the traffic situation is solved. Mr. Florek is not in favor of renting out the public parks to "for profit" ventures. Mr. Hennessy then indicated Bucks Mill Park is now being used for company picnics that often includes loud music. Mr. Florek indicated the number of people attending an open event is undetermined while company picnics are limited in attendance. Mr. Stuart indicated he has no problem with revising the Code. Mr. Stuart is in favor of seeing the Town have something to help taxpayers by building the tax base. Mr. Stuart indicated he was in favor of moving forward with this proposal and this event should be coordinated between currently scheduled major Township events. Mayor Forester indicated the traffic can be handled. Mayor Forester feels the benefit to taxpayers in allowing "for profit" use of the facilities is minimal, and he is uncertain whether the Township should earn revenue that way. Mayor Forester does not want to see it happen. The consensus is 3 for, 2 against. Mr. Bowden indicated with the consensus vote, the appropriate section within the Township Code (Article VIII, §177-49) would need to be revised by introducing the ordinance and scheduling a public hearing. Mr. Florek then said he wouldn't mind tabling this issue. Mrs. Burry requested the establishment of guidelines. Mr. Stuart indicated revising the Code would require

the elimination of one sentence. Mayor Forester said he would be glad to place this issue on the agenda. The policy would be established by the Recreation Department, and the governing body may not want to approve all requests for use. The question of whether the Recreation Department had the authority to grant park use was asked. Mr. Hennessy wants to see any “for profit” request for park use come before the governing body for review and approval. Standards must be developed against which each application for use must be made and approvals or disapprovals cannot be made arbitrarily. Mr. Hennessy requested Mr. Bace investigate how other municipalities are addressing this issue. Mr. Bace agreed; however, the results of his research may not be ready for the next Township Committee Meeting.

12. **DISCUSSION:** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR POLICE OFFICERS WORKING OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT DETAILS. Based on a recent survey, Mr. Stuart stated Chief Sauter is asking the Township Committee for an increase in rates of pay from \$30 to \$40 per hour for the officer and from \$5 to \$7 per hour to the Township to make the pay more equitable with surrounding municipalities. Mr. Stuart stated the officers are paid through the Township payroll, and these earnings do not count towards base pay, sick day accrual, etc. Mayor Forester asked if the increase from \$5 to \$7 was sufficient to cover the Township administrative expenses. Mrs. Burry then said the individuals are using Township equipment; if there is an accident, the Township indemnifies them. Mr. Stuart asked how many off-duty accidents occurred. Mr. Bowden advised the Committee that the increased hourly rate does not affect the taxpayers, and it allows officers to earn more equitable pay for work officers from other municipalities are being paid for work within this Township. Mr. Hennessy stated that the officers within Colts Neck do not volunteer for the Bicycle Race; however, when using officers from other municipalities, the prevailing salary rate is paid. By voice vote, the Township Committee unanimously agreed to raise the rates for police officers working outside employment details. Mr. Bowden will speak with the Finance Officer to determine if the rate increase covers the administrative costs.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

Mr. Bowden presented several issues for the Township Committee’s consideration:

The Colts Neck Fire Department No. 2 is asking to waive the fees for a variance for an addition to their building. Mr. Florek motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Stuart and unanimously carried by voice vote.

The new homeowner of Holly Bush Farm wants to install natural gas. The NJ Natural Gas Company would connect the pipeline from Fox Hedge under Conover Road and under the Township greenways. Mr. Stuart stated this would require the creation of an easement requiring a deed to the Gas Company. With the approval of Mayor Forester, Mr. Fewer, the homeowner, Conover Road, spoke and advised the Committee he doesn’t know how to proceed in obtaining the necessary Township approvals. He was advised that the homeowner’s engineer is to provide the Metes and Bounds, describing what is proposed, to the Township. If the Township Committee approves, an ordinance will be prepared and introduced at a Township Committee meeting, and presented for public hearing and adoption at a subsequent Township Committee meeting. Mrs. Burry suggested contacting the Shade Tree Commission for comment since the proposed underground tunneling may adversely affect the greenway. Mr. Hennessy questioned whether this is a precedent the Township Committee wants to establish. Mr. Fewer stated he didn’t want to upset the greenway; however, he has invested a significant amount of money in this property and is looking to enhance the beauty of his property and, in turn, the Township. Mayor Forester advised Mr. Fewer that his engineer’s drawings would be subject to review and discussion at a future Township Committee meeting, but based on what he has heard so far, this is not a problem. Mr. Stuart stated he will advise the Shade Tree Commission of the proposed plan.

Shore Point Distributors has requested the serving of alcoholic beverages at their corporate picnic at Bucks Mill Park. The required certificate of insurance has been received. Mr. Stuart motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried by voice vote.

Colts Neck Township Board of Education is looking for used Township vehicles for official business. Mr. Bowden advised three vehicles are being retired from the Police Department's fleet; however, based on Mr. Edward Thompson's review, only two vehicles are road worthy. The value at auction range from \$500 to \$2500 per vehicle; however, by transferring two of these vehicles to the Board of Education for the sum of \$1 each, there would be significant savings to the Board of Education. Mr. Florek motioned to approve the transfer of the two vehicles, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried by voice vote.

Marpal Recycling is now attempting to add a fuel surcharge to offset rising fuel costs. Marpal reports they use 500 gallons per month in Colts Neck, which adds an additional \$250 per month or \$3,000 per year to the cost of fulfilling the requirements of their fixed contract. Mayor Forester suggested a stipulation to rescind the fuel surcharge if the price of fuel reaches a certain point, which is similar to the wording in the snow plowing contract. Mr. Florek recommends "splitting the difference" with Marpal. Mayor Forester is in favor, Mr. Stuart agrees to "something reasonable", Mr. Florek recommends 50% at most, and Mr. Hennessy is in favor.

14. **MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS** was made by Mr. Stuart to approve all vouchers totaling \$2,598,042.83, 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	X
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

15. **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Stuart had nothing to report.

Mrs. Burry advised that Mr. Tom Kellers, County Planning Board, sent a request to the State Department of Transportation to narrow roads. If approved, Colts Neck may be eligible for project funding.

Mrs. Burry went to Trenton to witness the Probasco/Dittmars home's entry in the National and State Register of Historic Sites. This is the first building in Colts Neck to be so recognized. Mrs. Burry praised the cooperation of the Dittmars in this process.

With regard to the Farmland Preservation Program, the Township closed on Mrs. Smith's property this past week purchased fee simple.

Mrs. Burry advised that the Hammond property is in the Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) Program.

Mrs. Burry attended the September 11th ceremony at the County's September 11th Memorial, which is in a 12-acre pocket park overlooking the Manhattan skyline in Atlantic Highlands. Mrs. Burry praised the sculpture done by a Marlboro resident artist, which is an eagle holding a piece of one of the original buildings.

Mrs. Burry stated the \$3 million RCA to Long Branch will need to be paid soon. Mrs. Burry reported there is legislation under consideration in Trenton that would eliminate the need for Trenton's approval if the speed limits on interior streets are changed.

Mrs. Burry reported effective September 2006, the Freehold Regional Schools have redistricted a portion of northern Howell, and children within the designated area would no longer be sent to Colts Neck High School. Students currently enrolled would not be affected. Mrs. Burry commented on a possible impact of property values within the affected area of Howell Township.

Mr. Florek reported that the current recycling collection schedule for those with Monday collections is problematic around the holidays. He is looking into alternatives to eliminate a five-week lapse in collections.

Mr. Florek reported the invoice for \$5,000 to repair a Fire Department vehicle should be sent to Mark Pierce for accounting.

Mr. Florek reported members of the Colts Neck Fire Department volunteered for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort; however, due to the overwhelming response, their services were not needed.

Mr. Florek said the Colts Neck Sports Foundation is asking if Five Points Park will be seeded this fall. Mr. Hennessy replied "yes." Mr. Florek reported 700 youth enrolled in recreation basketball. Opening day: November 19.

Mr. Florek reported \$500 was donated to the Bucks Mill Building Fund by the Colts Neck Alliance, and they collected \$2,000 at the Fair. They plan to donate parenting books to the library. Linda Kudler was at the last meeting and is assisting the Alliance while her replacement is sought.

Mr. Hennessy reported 409 Township youth enrolled in the Summer Recreation Program, which is an increase of 20 more than last year. Six summer sports camps were offered.

With regard to park maintenance activities, Mr. Hennessy reported \$9,000 was spent to resurface the tennis courts. The renovations planned for the Conover Road baseball fields are on hold until a determination is made regarding the Conover Road playground.

Mr. Hennessy reported four Eagle Scout Projects are in progress at various sites around Town including Obre Road, Big Brook and Schlesinger Preserves, Township Hall Park, and the Library.

Mr. Hennessy read a very moving letter concerning the recent drowning in a backyard swimming pool within Colts Neck. Teamwork between the First Aid Squad paramedics and the Police Department staff directly contributed to saving this child's life. Mr. Hennessy stressed how well the various life saving groups work within this Town, relying on one another to handle emergency situations.

Mr. Hennessy then spoke of the 25 m.p.h. speed limit and new signage that will be posted around Town advising motorists to reduce their speed when horses are present. These signs will be placed in critical spots where equestrian trails cross roadways, especially near Cedar Drive and Heulitt in both directions.

Mayor Forester had nothing to report.

16. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Chris Lupia, a resident, commented that police officers were paid by the stores directly during the time of the riots of the 1960s. Mayor Forester responded that if an officer is wearing a uniform, there would be some correlation to the Township, and there would be closer control.

Mr. Lupia commented “strange things are happening” off Phalanx Road on Woodhollow Road. Mrs. Lupia confirmed the address as 36 Woodhollow. Mr. Lupia reported a structure being built in the rear of the property that is larger than the initial dwelling. Mr. Lupia questioned the legality of the newly framed structure.

Mr. Lupia’s reported the new owner of the third house on Woodhollow Road off Phalanx Road, who had not yet moved in, cut down approximately 35 trees. Mr. Lupia described the home as a white colonial abutting the Blackburn property. Mr. Stuart replied he would visit the area the following day.

Mr. Lupia’s final comment commended the placement of the tree tags on the various species within Township Hall Park. Mr. Lupia had often wondered what type of trees these are, and he feels the tagging is a good idea. Mr. Lupia suggests finding someone to prune the trees.

Mr. Jeff Sauter, a resident, congratulated Mrs. Hager. He then commended the Township Committee on introducing the Sex Offender Ordinance. Mr. Sauter stated he was attending the meeting as a resident of the Town, a taxpayer, and a concerned citizen. In response to an OPRA inquiry, documents were provided to Mr. Sauter. Mr. Sauter then raised the following questions:

A motor vehicle accident occurring at 6:45 a.m. in the year 2001 involving the Fire Chief’s vehicle resulted in \$2100 in damages. Was the Fire Chief on official business at the time of the accident?

The Township was billed to replace the rear seat in the Fire Chief’s vehicle. This vehicle was two years old at the time. Why is the Township paying this bill?

The Township was billed \$3700 to replace a light bar on the vehicle that was two years old at the time. The light bar was not on State contract. Why was this paid?

The Township paid over \$600 in detailing the Fire Chief’s vehicle. Mr. Sauter does not feel this is an appropriate expense since the Fire Chief may use this as an every day vehicle and should be personally responsible for its cleanliness.

Mr. Sauter stated due to personal reasons, he can only attend the last meeting of the month. He would like answers to the above questions.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Forester closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

16. **RESOLUTION 2005-249:** EXECUTIVE SESSION was read by Mayor Forester at 9:25 p.m. With no further comments, Mrs. Burry made a motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session in five minutes, 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	X
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

Motion to adjourn Closed Session by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried by voice vote and reconvene in public session.

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<i>Motion Seconded</i>				X	
<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Opposed</i>					
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Motion by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Hennessy to reconvene in public session and adjourn meeting with a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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<i>Motion Seconded</i>				X	
<i>Approve</i>	X	X	X	X	X
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Robert Bowden, Township Administrator

RB/bk