

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 31, 2007
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 Stuart 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, 2006 stating that the meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held on October 31, 2007 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 Stuart, Deputy Mayor Hennessy, Committeemembers Forester, Florek and Schatzle

Also Present: Robert Bowden; John O. Bennett, III, Esq., and Beth Kara

Absent: None

1. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mayor Stuart announced the next meeting of the Township Committee will be held on November 28, 2007, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2007:** Mr. Florek made two corrections to the minutes. Mr. Forester made a motion to approve, as amended, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Stuart		X			
Hennessy	S	X			
Forester	M	X			
Florek		X			
Schatzle		X			
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3. **RESOLUTION 2007-158:** APPROVING INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, ROUTE 537 FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY LIGHT was read by title by Mayor Stuart. Mr. Florek stated this agreement is the result of six months of follow-up with the County Engineer for Monmouth County. Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried.

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Stuart		X			
Hennessy		X			
Forester		X			
Florek	S	X			
Schatzle	M	X			
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4. **RESOLUTION 2007-159:** APPROVING DEDICATION BY RIDER, RESTORATION OF HISTORICAL MONTROSE ROAD SCHOOL HOUSE was read by title by Mayor Stuart. This resolution petitions the approval of the

Director of the Division of Local Government Services to include the donated funds in a Trust Fund for use in restoring the Montrose Road School House historical site. Mr. Florek made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Stuart		X			
Hennessy		X			
Forester		X			
Florek	M	X			
Schatzle	S	X			
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5. **MOTION TO ADOPT A CONSENT AGENDA:**
6. ***RESOLUTION 2007-160:** APPROVING RECREATION PROGRAM REFUNDS.
7. ***RESOLUTION 2007-161:** AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SPECIAL PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, BLOCK 7.17, LOT 2 (32 MEADOWVIEW DRIVE).
8. ***RESOLUTION 2007-162:** AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE, P.B. APPLICATION NO. 676 (COLTS NECK REFORMED CHURCH)
9. ***RESOLUTION 2007-163:** APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE RA 07-35, COLTS NECK WOMENS CLUB EMD, 50/50 ON-PREMISES RAFFLE, DECEMBER 8, 2007.
10. ***RESOLUTION 2007-164:** APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE RA 07-36, COLTS NECK WOMENS CLUB EMD, GIFT BASKETS RAFFLE, DECEMBER 8, 2007

Mr. Forester made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried.

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11. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT.** Mr. Bowden had nothing further to add to his report.
12. **MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS.** Mr. Forester reported he reviewed and signed the vouchers, noting all were in order, and are as follows:

Capital Fund	\$9,167.25
COAH	\$410.00
Construction Trust	\$15,700.72
Current Fund	\$4,504,737.50
Escrow	\$14,456.00
Farmland Preservation Trust	8,711.09
Grant Fund	\$3,088.00
Trust Fund	\$12,356.88
TOTAL APPROVED:	\$4,568,627.44

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

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13. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Forester had no report this evening.

Mr. Hennessy reported the Colts Neck Community Band would be performing November 1st at Colts Neck High School. Mr. Hennessy noted the Band is comprised of 75 musicians ranging in age from high school teens to 84 years old. Mr. Hennessy stated this concert is well worth attending.

Mr. Florek stated he and Mayor Stuart recently attended a COAH meeting. Mr. Florek has sent letters to other municipalities that may be in the same position as Colts Neck in meeting their third round obligations to determine their interest in combining efforts to address this issue.

Mr. Florek reported the Colts Neck Sports Foundation held elections, and the new members are excellent candidates. The Sports Foundation is looking into field sponsorship, which will eventually be brought before the Township Committee requesting approval. A request was made for DPW to clean up Monument Park, Laird Road.

Mr. Florek attended the Executive Fire Council, during which they expressed displeasure with the Township Committee about the discussion on the disposition of the proceeds from the eventual sale of the old brush truck. Mr. Florek stated that although an official vote was not cast by the Governing Body regarding that issue, informal discussion had the proceeds of the sale returning to the general fund of the Township based on past precedent. Mr. Florek stated within the past six years, there has been a 2.5% increase in the Fire Department’s operating budget, and they have done an outstanding job. In the near future, equipment will have to be replaced to ensure the safety of the fire fighters and to meet State mandates.

Mr. Florek attended the “Meet the Candidates” session and asked Senator Karcher and Assemblyman Panter about their support of the legislation impacting Colts Neck Schools with regard to Earle residents. The response given was that Tinton Falls wasn’t aware of the impact of the decision made in 1988, and this legislation is now correcting that. Mr. Florek also questioned the timing of the proposed impact aid. In closing, Mr. Florek commented “They have their favorites, and we are not them.”

Mayor Stuart added to this discussion in noting he has attended many meetings on this subject, and less than 24 hours notice was given before the Panter legislation was surreptitiously placed in front of the Assembly. Mayor Stuart stated the Earle high school aged children will also impact the municipalities comprising the Freehold Regional School District.

Mayor Stuart thanked the members of the Fire Department present this evening. Mayor Stuart stated the proceeds from the sale of Township-owned property must be returned to the Township as a matter of protocol. At budget time, funding determinations will be made by the Township Committee. Mayor Stuart thanked the Fire Department for their excellent service to the community.

Mr. Schatzle reported the First Aid Squad is holding a Blood Drive on November 14th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Schatzle reported a total of 498 Colts Neck residents received flu shots at the two clinics held this year, which is an increase over prior years.

Mr. Schatzle reported the Colts Neck Polo season is over for 2007 and will commence again next spring. Mr. Schatzle will be meeting with the Recreation Committee in November to plan for the future.

Mr. Schatzle reported the Local Emergency Planning Committee met on October 8th and discussed forming a detailed mission for the Committee.

Mr. Schatzle reported the Monmouth County Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services made a site visit to the Drug and Alcohol Alliance. Anita and Emory Dedalis were noted to be doing an outstanding job with this program. Ms. Dedalis is attending classes for Associate Prevention Specialist, which will greatly benefit the community.

Mr. Schatzle reported the Governor's Commission on Teen Driving will be holding a session for public comment at Colts Neck High School on the evening of November 19th.

Mr. Schatzle reported he has been working with JCP&L and local residents to minimize the clearing of the easements at the power lines. Mr. Schatzle commended Julie McGowen and the Shade Tree Commission for their work.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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

Ms. Elaine Mann, a resident, spoke of the unpaid bill to the Township by Colts Neck Polo and her prior conversation with Mr. Schatzle. Discussion ensued. Mr. Schatzle responded the bill to Colts Neck Polo will be paid.

Ms. Virginia Amend, editor of the Colts Neck Calendar and a resident, commented on the Colts Neck Sports Foundation wanting to sell advertising signage at the Township parks. Mr. Florek stated the Township Committee will make the ultimate decision on this issue. Mr. Florek also stated the Sports Foundation does pay for capital improvement projects within the Township parks.

Ms. Veronica Sullivan, a resident, commented on her meetings with Scott, the Forester for First Energy. She stated four years ago she complied with their policy and installed the acceptable plantings. Now she is told these same plants are unacceptable. In speaking with Scott, Ms. Sullivan felt there was no compromise. Mr. Schatzle offered to work with Ms. Sullivan.

Mr. Chris Quincannon, Deputy Chief, Colts Neck Fire Department, spoke of the large capital expenditures required for the Fire Department and the current ISO rating for Colts Neck. Mr. Quincannon stated the members are concerned about future funding.

Mr. Vincent Cerullo, Jr., a resident, spoke of the work done by the Fire Department volunteers and commented, "It's sad if the fire fighters are worried about turnout gear."

Mr. Schatzle commented the State of New Jersey imposed mandatory requirements, and it is important for the Township Committee to know the current life span of the existing equipment. When questioned if the Fire Department was in crisis, Mr. Quincannon replied "no".

Ms. Amend questioned the amount of money going to the Monmouth County Library System (MCLS). Mayor Stuart replied he and Mr. Forester have been invited by Freeholder Burry to review the MCLS costs. If Colts Neck were to hypothetically leave the MCLS, voters would have to approve the withdrawal by referendum, which would be no sooner than two years. Ms. Mann suggested a Colts Neck representative be placed on the Monmouth County Library Board.

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

15. **RESOLUTION 2007-165**: EXECUTIVE SESSION was read by Mayor Stuart at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Hennessy made a motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Forester and unanimously carried.

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

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Hennessy		X			
Forester	M	X			
Florek	S	X			
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Motion by Mr. Forester, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried by all to reconvene in public session and adjourn meeting.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Robert Bowden
Township Administrator/Clerk

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