

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 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 November 30, 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, Hennessy, and Stuart

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

Absent: None

1. **ANNOUCEMENT:** Mayor Forester stated the final Township Committee Meeting of 2005 will be held on December 21, 2005. The December 7th, December 14th, and December 28th meetings are cancelled.

2. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Forester appointed Mr. Bernard Behrens to the position of Alternate No. 2, on the Planning Board with a term expiring December 31, 2006. Mayor Forester also appointed Mr. Geoff Karch to the position of full member of the Board of Adjustment with a term expiring December 31, 2006. Mr. Bowden administered the Oaths of Office.

3. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION:** PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 2005 AS NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING (3D) PREVENTION MONTH WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK. Mayor Forester read the proclamation in full, which calls for all citizens, government agencies, business leaders, hospitals and health care providers, schools and public and private institutions in the Township of Colts Neck to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem, to support programs and policies to reduce the incidence of impaired driving, to promote safer and healthier behaviors regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs, and to provide opportunities for all to participate in the "You Drink & Drive, You Lose" Campaign this December holiday season and throughout the year. In addition, the Mayor advised all attendees that there would be a vigil sponsored by the Colts Neck Alliance on December 7, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at Colts Neck High School, which is a poignant program on drinking and driving.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2005 AND NOVEMBER 9, 2005:**

Mrs. Burry made a motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2005 and November 9, 2005, seconded by Mr. Florek.

The minutes of October 26, 2005 were unanimously carried by all.

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	X
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

The minutes of November 9, 2005 were carried by all except Committeeman Stuart, who had been absent at that meeting.

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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 2005-28**: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 120 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK ENTITLED "FIREARMS" was read by Mayor Forester by title. Mayor Forester stated the introduction of this ordinance would be postponed until January 2006. In the absence of Counsel, Mr. Bowden stated on the advice of the Township Attorney, rather than change the title of the ordinance, Section 120-1, "Discharge prohibited; exceptions", the existing ordinance would be expanded to include an individual in possession of a properly obtained permit from the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey. Before introducing this ordinance, the Township Attorney must confer with Divison of Fish, Game and Wildlife officials to ensure they concur with the proposed revision. Since legislation cannot be carried over from one year to the next and only one meeting of the governing body remains for 2005, this ordinance was tabled for introduction in 2006.

6. **ORDINANCE 2005-29**: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 79 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK ENTITLED "ANIMALS" was read by Mayor Forester on first reading by title. This ordinance is one of five mandated by the Stormwater Management Act to protect what enters the stormwater system. This ordinance expands the existing pet waste ordinance and prohibits the feeding of any wildlife in a public park or any Township owned or operated property. Mr. Florek made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Burry and unanimously carried. Public hearing has been set for December 21, 2005.

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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>					

7. **ORDINANCE 2005-30:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 195 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK ENTITLED “SOLID WASTE” was read by Mayor Forester on first reading by title. Mr. Bowden stated this ordinance pertains to the recycling collection of yard waste including leaves, brush, and branches. Under this ordinance, any non-containerized waste can only be brought to the curb seven days prior to collection, and cannot be placed closer than ten feet from any storm drain inlet. Mr. Stuart questioned if the leaves could be kept on the lawn rather than deposited curbside, but was advised by Mr. Bowden that the wand on the leaf vacuum does not reach that far; therefore, leaves must be placed curbside. Mrs. Burry made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hennessy and unanimously carried. Public hearing has been set for December 21, 2005.

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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>					

8. **ORDINANCE 2005-31:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 188 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK ENTITLED “SANITARY CODE” was read by Mayor Forester by title. This ordinance prohibits illicit connections (any physical or non-physical connection that discharges domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste other than stormwater) to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Township of Colts Neck. Mr. Hennessy made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Burry and unanimously carried. Public hearing has been set for December 21, 2005.

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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>					
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<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

9. **ORDINANCE 2005-32:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 149 ENTITLED “LITTER CONTROL AND IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE” was read by Mayor Forester by title. This ordinance prohibits the placement of litter of any nature upon public or private property other than in a litter receptacle, or having done so, to allow such litter to remain. If litter is thrown or discarded or allowed to fall from a vehicle or boat, the operator or owner or both of the motor vehicle or boat is in violation of this ordinance. In addition, spilling, dumping or disposal of materials other than stormwater into the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Township of Colts Neck is prohibited. Mr. Florek made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Burry and unanimously carried. Public hearing has been set for December 21, 2005.

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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>					

10. **ORDINANCE 2005-33:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 151 ENTITLED “LOW PHOSPHOROUS FERTILIZER” was read by title by Mayor Forester. This ordinance prohibits the outdoor application of any fertilizer other than low phosphorous fertilizer (phosphoric acid is zero). Exceptions include fertilizer at a commercial farm exempted by the Right to Farm Act, and fertilizer needed to establish new vegetation after land disturbance, in accordance with requirements established under the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act. Mrs. Burry made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried. Public hearing has been set for December 21, 2005.

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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>					
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<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

11. **RESOLUTION 2005-267:** AUTHORIZING FORMAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS – 2005 BUDGET was read by Mayor Forester by title. This resolution authorizes the transfer of \$20,000 from Streets and Road Maintenance: Salaries and Wages (\$15,000) and Recreation Services and Programs: Other Expenses (\$5,000) to Maintenance of Parks: Other Expenses (\$5,000); Street Lighting (\$1,000) and Gasoline (\$14,000) to cover expenses. Mr. Hennessy made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Florek and unanimously carried.

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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>					

12. **RESOLUTION 2005-268:** APPROVING EXTENSION OF AD-INTERIM LIQUOR LICENSE GABGEO, INC., D/B/A/ COLTS NECK INN STEAK AND CHOP HOUSE, LICENSE NO. 1309-33-004-002 was read by title by Mayor Forester. Mr. Bowden stated the matter is before the Superior Court and until a final decision is reached, this latest court-ordered extension, will permit the temporary extension of the ad-interim liquor license through January 31, 2006. With regard to the tax issue, legal arguments were finished March 2005. Mr. Bennett, Township Attorney, arrived at this point and stated the applicant has complied with the

Township's requirements for the patio area and has obtained the Planning Board's approval. Mr. Hennessy made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Florek, 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>					

13. **RESOLUTION 2005-268A:** RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPERTY FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWNSHIP'S PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT LIST OF ELIGIBLE SITES was read by Mayor Forester by title. Mrs. Burry stated this was a procedural matter and the first step in the process for having the two properties included in the Farmland Preservation Program. The Amdur property would be included with another Amdur property under one single application for a total of approximately 45 acres. The Bajcar property is zoned A4, low and moderate income housing. In both instances, the owners are adamant about inclusion in the Farmland Preservation Program and Mrs. Burry stated it is important the Township supports their requests. Mr. Stuart stated the Bajcar property abuts their Howell property, which is included in the Farmland Preservation Program. The borderline of the 1.5 acres to the west of Block 42, Lot 4 is in dispute. Mrs. Burry 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
<i>Opposed</i>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

14. **DISCUSSION:** REQUEST TO VACATE PORTION OF CUL-DE-SAC, DALMAZIO APPLICATION – 30 PADDOCK LANE. On behalf of his client, Gordon Gemma, Esq., has requested the Township vacate a portion of the Paddock Lane cul-de-sac, which is in keeping with the Planning Board Resolution granting preliminary and final major subdivision approval to Ms. Dalmazio. The plan calls for the removal of the existing cul-de-sac and constructing a 120 foot extension to Paddock Lane, terminating in a new cul-de-sac. While Mr. Anfuso, Township Planner, agrees with the removal of the existing cul-de-sac, he is concerned the new cul-de-sac may not be constructed. Mr. Florek expressed his concern that the removal of the existing cul-de-sac prior to the construction of the new cul-de-sac would leave the area with no access for emergency vehicles. Mr. Gemma stated his willingness to work with the Township Engineer. Mr. Bennett stated the Township Committee's position on this issue, as follows: The memorandum dated November 22, 2005 from the Township Planner to the Mayor and Township Committee was reviewed. The Township Committee concurs with the recommendations presented by the Township Planner pertaining to the Dalmazio Paddock Lane vacation. Mr. Florek made a motion to approve, 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. **DISCUSSION:** GARAGE CONSTRUCTION – 60 CONOVER ROAD – SHEEHY. Steven Azzolini, Esq. addressed the Township Committee on behalf of his client. Although the garage was initially planned in an “A Frame” style, the design was changed after a building permit was obtained to be more compatible with the style of the residence. Mr. Azzolini stated the ground floor footprint remained within the permitted area; however, the second floor usable space was substantially increased. The request for a variance was denied by the Board of Adjustment, and a stop work order was issued. This matter is currently pending appeal before Judge Lawson, Superior Court. The Sheehy’s are seeking to finish the first floor to house their vehicles for the winter. Mr. Salerno, Construction Official, will not permit the final framing of the first floor without authority from Mr. Anfuso, Township Planner and Zoning Officer. Mr. Anfuso indicated he does not have the authority to direct Mr. Salerno to act. Mr. Azzolini is asking the Township Committee for their intervention. Mr. Stuart asked about square footage and was advised the initial plan approved was 900 sq. ft. ground floor, and 300 sq. ft. second floor, totaling 1200 sq. ft. Under the current revised plan, completing the second floor will increase the size of the garage to approximately 1700 sq. ft. Mr. Florek stated he does not want to do anything that would prejudice the outcome of the legal proceedings against the Township. Mr. Bennett stated the Township Committee would not be making any legal decisions and should decide if the homeowner can finish the first floor at “their own peril.” The structure would be used to house vehicles and accommodate storage shelving. Mayor Forester recommends passage of a resolution allowing the homeowner to finish the first floor at their own peril. Mr. Stuart empathizes with the applicant; however, the Township is being sued and Mr. Stuart questions if the Township Committee should proceed with approving this request. Mr. Bowden asked Mr. Bennett to draft a resolution, which he did extemporaneously, is numbered Resolution 2005-268-B, and is attached hereto. Mr. Hennessy made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Florek, Mr. Stuart opposed, Mayor Forester approved, and Mrs. Burry voiced her approval with the condition that doing so does not prejudice the outcome of the lawsuit against the Township.

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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>					X
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

16. **DISCUSSION:** DRAFT ORDINANCE 2005-27, USE OF PUBLIC PARKS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS BY ENTITIES ENGAGED IN “FOR PROFIT” VENTURES. Mr. Hennessy reviewed the history of this draft ordinance, and stated it was reviewed by the Recreation Committee and has their full support and expertise to monitor the process. Mrs. Burry stated the Township Committee has the sole responsibility for approval or denial of applications. Mr. Florek stated he does not like this ordinance, as it is taking public space and limiting public use. He is concerned about traffic for the surrounding residents; the two access points may not alleviate traffic jams. Mr. Florek stated the paper prepared by Dr. Nolan is not an endorsement for “for profits”

utilizing the public parks, and the “cons” presented must be weighed carefully. Mr. Hennessy stated the problems experienced with traffic flow during the craft fair the first year were worked out successfully the second and third years. With regard to the denial of Township residents to utilize parks during paid events, Mr. Hennessy frequents all Township parks and on any given day, he is one of three or four people in the parks. With the number of available parks within the Township, there are many alternate sites for use on any given day. Mr. Hennessy also stated soccer and baseball games and company picnics displace Township residents currently. Mr. Stuart stated this concept is not “selling the parks” and many towns and counties do permit “for profits” to utilize their parks. This is not an attempt to have repeated events, but to bring in cultural activities conducive to the environment. Mr. Forester stated four out of five Committee members voted down this concept several years ago, and he is standing by the original decision. Mr. Bowden polled the Committee with a voice vote to move forward; the results of which were: Yes: (Committee-members Hennessy, Stuart and Burry), No: (Mayor Forester and Deputy Mayor Florek). Mr. Bennett stated there must be a good reason for denying a permit request. Mr. Hennessy stated the ordinance should be amended to include a noise provision. Mr. Hennessy made a motion to approve, as amended, seconded by Mr. Stuart, approved by Committeewoman Burry, and opposed by Mayor Forester and Deputy Mayor Florek, who commented this ordinance was rushed and did not address the key issues.

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<i>Motion To Approve</i>				X	
<i>Motion Seconded</i>					X
<i>Approve</i>			X	X	X
<i>Opposed</i>	X	X			
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

17. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Mr. Bowden reported that the closing is imminent on the Westminster home site on Route 537. The existing structures will soon be demolished and the land re-graded.

Mr. Bowden reported effective July 2005, five hours of training became mandatory for all Planning and Zoning Board members. The Mayor and governing body are exempt.

18. **MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS.** Mr. Stuart reviewed and signed the vouchers for this meeting. Mr. Stuart made a motion to approve all vouchers totaling \$4,370,820.42, seconded by Mr. Hennessy 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>					

19. **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Stuart reported that \$5,000 was approved by the Township Committee during the 2005 budget preparation to the Shade Tree Commission for additional plantings at Five Point Park, near Route 537. The trees have been planted and they enhance what had originally been planted.

Mr. Stuart has received calls about recent home break-ins within Colts Neck with many thoughts on how best to keep residents informed. Two years ago, \$15,000 was allotted for the Reverse 911 System. These monies were re-absorbed into the Township surplus. Mr. Stuart thinks the current version of the Reverse 911 System should be researched for possible activation within the Township.

Mrs. Burry reported the Historic Preservation Committee is hosting the Williamsburg Christmas festivities this Sunday in the Courthouse at 1:00 p.m. Included will be music, Christmas craft demonstrations, cider and donuts, and the Boy Scouts will be selling wreaths. This coincides with the annual art sale at the Library this weekend.

Mrs. Burry stated four free-standing bronze signs will be installed to identify the following historically significant properties:

Colts Neck Village, settled circa 1700;
Colts Neck Inn;
Laird & Co. of Scobeyville recently celebrated its 175th anniversary; and
Probasco/Dittmar homestead.

Mrs. Burry reported under the Farmland Preservation Program, with the addition of the Amdur property, a total of 45 acres is being added to the program. Next week, Russo's Black Swan Farm on Laird Road, which includes its historic home, will be added to the program. Mrs. Burry stated this is an excellent way to preserve the past.

Mrs. Harriet Honigfeld will be meeting with the Farmland Preservation Committee on December 12, to review applicants into the Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) Program.

Under the heading of County Business:

Mrs. Burry stated the intersection of Route 34 and 537 is currently being re-examined. Short-term solutions should be evident in the near future.

Mr. Hennessy reported the Friends of the Library will be hosting a cocktail party Friday evening as a kick off to the annual Art Show and Sale. On Sunday, at 3:30 p.m., the Navesink Brass will perform in the Courthouse, and at 4:30 p.m. at Town Hall, there will be a dance performance, a speech by Mayor Forester, and the tree lighting, followed by Santa's arrival.

Mr. Hennessy stated the Community Edition of the Asbury Park Press reported the Pop Warner cheerleaders were victorious over Poughkeepsie. They are leaving Wednesday at noon from Town Hall to travel by bus to Orlando to compete in the national championships.

Mr. Florek reported the Fire Department is working on its 20-year plan for vehicle replacement. They are also working on the 2006 budget.

The Colts Neck Alliance will be holding a vigil at Colts Neck High School on December 7, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. Anita Dedalis is in an acting capacity and is working with Linda Kudler while Linda's replacement is sought. The part-time position requires accounting and organization skills as the incumbent is required to take an active role in seeking grant monies for various programs hosted by the Alliance. The rate of pay is on an hourly basis, which approximates \$4,000 per year. One of the recent grants funded Camp Any Town, which provided inter-racial experiences for teens from Colts Neck, Newark and Kearney.

Mayor Forester reported basketball season began at Colts Neck High School with 700 youth registering to play on 70 teams within the Township. The Colts Neck Sports Foundation does a wonderful job in providing basketball, lacrosse, soccer and tennis to the youth of the Township.

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

20. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Ms. Kathleen Shatzman, a resident, referred to the firearms ordinance (No. 2005-28), and asked about the exception language. Ms. Shatzman was advised that without speaking to the State's Fish and Game officials, no definitive answer could be given.

Mr. Jeff Sauter, a resident, stated the questions he raised during the Township Committee Meeting of November 28 have generated positive and negative feedback. He stated the Fire Department has excellent volunteers and praised Mark Pierce. He then re-visited the issues he raised during the prior meeting, and Mr. Florek responded to each issue as follows:

1. When the Fire Chief's vehicle was in an accident which resulted in \$2100 damage, was it during the course of official business? Mr. Florek responded that it is unknown, but it doesn't appear to have been. The Chief is given unrestricted use of the vehicle during tenure, and the Chief reported the accident occurred when he swerved to avoid hitting a deer and hit a tree.
2. Was the \$300 expended to repair the rear seat of the Chief's vehicle a valid expenditure? Mr. Florek responded there had been more than one dog in the vehicle on the rear seat. As the vehicle was passed, the new Chief wanted the seat covering replaced. The Chief has the latitude to have things repaired and is given an annual budget, which is expended at his discretion. All expenditures are reviewed and approved by the Executive Fire Council, which is a nine-member review board.
3. With regard to the \$3800 charge associated with a light bar installed on the Chief's vehicle, the charge included the removal of an existing light bar, the labor and materials to install a new light bar, and the reinstallation of the Chief's former light bar to another vehicle.
4. Was the \$600 expended to detail the Chief's vehicle a valid expense? The vehicle was detailed twice over a period of two years. Detailing is a maintenance item, and the Chief has the discretion to either pay to have the service performed or do it himself. The Executive Fire Council reviewed and approved this expenditure.

Mr. Florek then stated the need to cut spending and be fiscally responsible. He invited Mr. Sauter to the upcoming budget meetings to witness the process. Historically, budget increases range between 2.5% and 4% per year, while maintenance costs increase 12% per year. By State law, the maximum annual Township contribution to the Fire Department is \$95,000, and the amount budgeted has not increased. Through fund drives, the Fire Department has done a great job with limited funds.

Mr. Chris Lupia, a resident, reflected on an article about eagles recently published in the Asbury Park Press. He was concerned that one of the earlier eagles was found dead trapped in a water pipe. Mr. Hennessy stated while the protective grate deters many things from entering the drain system, it does not prevent eagles from doing so and this was a rare occurrence.

Mr. Lupia then asked if the Township Committee remembered the traffic jams during the Crafts Fair held at Bucks Mill Park.

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

21. **RESOLUTION 2005-269:** EXECUTIVE SESSION was read by Mayor Forester at 10:12 p.m. With no further comments, Mr. Florek made a motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session, 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>					

Motion to adjourn Closed Session by Mr.Florek, 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>					
<i>Not Voting/Recuse</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>					

Motion by Mr. Florek, seconded by Mr. Stuart to reconvene in public session and adjourn meeting with a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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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>					

Robert Bowden, Township Administrator

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