

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 27, 2015
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 Schatzle followed by a salute to the flag led by Gavin McDevitt. The following statement was read by Registered Municipal Clerk, Ms. Kara: "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 20, 2014 stating that a regular meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held May 27, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., Colts Neck Town Hall, 124 Cedar Drive, Colts Neck, New Jersey. The notice requirements have been posted on the Township website and a copy is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk."

Roll call by Ms. Kara indicated the following:

Present: Mayor James Schatzle; Deputy Mayor Thomas Orgo; Committeemen Jarrett Engel, Michael Fitzgerald and Russell Macnow

Also Present: Interim Township Administrator Thomas Antus, Registered Municipal Clerk Beth Kara, and Township Counsel Joseph Clark, Esq.

Absent: None

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting of May 13, 2015. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Schatzle		X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo		X			
Engel		X			
Fitzgerald	M	X			
Macnow	S	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

- 2. PRESENTATION: ANNUAL ARBOR DAY ESSAY CONTEST AWARDS.** Ms. Eileen Stivala, Shade Tree Commission Chair, and Mayor Schatzle spoke of this year's First Annual Arbor Day Essay Contest. The contest was open to Colts Neck Third Graders, and entrants were to describe their favorite tree and explain why it is their favorite. Members from the Colts Neck Senior Citizens group judged the entries, and prizes were gift cards for the Toy Box. Mayor Schatzle and Ms. Stivala announced the winners: First Place: Ashton Ellis, redwood tree; Second Place: Sophie Mager, her backyard tree; Third Place: Gavin McDevitt, palm tree. Those present received a round of applause and photographs were taken. Mayor Schatzle commented this is a wonderful event and one of the things that makes Colts Neck special. The Shade Tree Commission has been busy working with members of the Boy and Girl Scouts to plant two trees at Town Hall in celebration of Arbor Day. Approximately 1,200 seedlings were distributed to residents as part of an initiative to restore trees lost to Superstorm Sandy. The Township continues to maintain its "Tree City" designation and most recently, the core site received Level One Arboretum status. Shade Tree members present this evening, Ms. Eileen Stivala, Jennifer Axelrod, Gordon Boak and Patricia Eastman, received a round of applause, and photographs were taken.

3. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION:** HONORING THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES. Mayor Schatzle read the proclamation in full, which recognizes the many contributions of the League in support of municipalities these past 100 years, as well as the guidance provided by Mr. William Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, who is retiring in June after 41 years of service.
4. **RESOLUTION 2015-69:** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT TO RESURFACE STATE HIGHWAY 34 was read by title by Mayor Schatzle. This resolution supports the NJDOT project to replace the current road surface of State Highway 34 with materials having a minimum service life of 10 years. Mayor Schatzle advised the funding for this project had been diverted to restore roadways within shore towns after Superstorm Sandy. The NJDOT is now seeking a resolution from each municipality that is a part of the repaving, and construction is projected to begin late spring/early summer 2016. Mr. Engel thanked Senator Beck for her support of this project. Mr. Macnow noted the Township has requested emergency paving of State Highway 34 and Artisan Way be done now as the roadway has deteriorated. Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Schatzle			X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo			X			
Engel		S	X			
Fitzgerald			X			
Macnow	M		X			
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5. **RESOLUTION 2015-70:** RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK AND FSD ENTERPRISES, LLC was read by title by Mayor Schatzle. Mayor Schatzle stated the Township has several cell towers within its borders, and while he does not like the look of them, the rental generates approximately \$100,000 annually for the Township. This resolution authorizes the professional services agreement with FSD Enterprises, LLC for the period April 13, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel and carried by Messrs. Schatzle, Engel, Fitzgerald and Macnow; Mr. Orgo opposed.

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Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Schatzle			X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo				X		
Engel		S	X			
Fitzgerald	M		X			
Macnow			X			
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6. **RESOLUTION 2015-71:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK TO PARTICIPATE IN INTRA-COUNTY MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH was read by title by Mayor Schatzle. Mayor Schatzle advised participating in this agreement would provide more resources available to respond to emergencies and would establish the mechanism to receive funding through the County Office of Emergency Management for emergencies. Mayor Schatzle thanked OEM Coordinator Michael Burke for the phenomenal job he is doing for the Township. Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Schatzle			X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo			X			
Engel			X			
Fitzgerald		S	X			
Macnow	M		X			
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7. **MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:**

***RESOLUTION 2015-72:** RESOLUTION APPROVING INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE, CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT (\$37,143.33)

***RESOLUTION 2015-73:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, ZONING BOARD APPLICATION NO. 858 (COLTS NECK REFORMED CHURCH)

Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow, and unanimously carried.

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Engel			X			
Fitzgerald		M	X			
Macnow		S	X			
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8. **DISCUSSION:** 2015 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. Mayor Schatzle noted the worst roads most in need of repair should be targeted. Mayor Schatzle stated Laird Road is a matching grant from NJDOT and should be paved. Mayor Schatzle stated there would be no determinations made this evening; this is an on-going discussion. Mr. Macnow commented Muhlenbrink is a pass-through road that is in horrific condition. Mr. Orgo stated Stone Hill Road is in poor shape and there is approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 set aside by the Planning Board that could be used to pave this road. Mayor Schatzle expressed concern over paving the roadway entrance to the Community Center, noting a smoother roadway would lead to increased speeds and may require speed bumps to slow traffic to the most heavily traveled pedestrian area within Bucks Mill Park. Mr. Fitzgerald agreed noting there would be water run-off into the first pond, and he would rather

pave two or three roads. Mr. Orgo noted Earle Asphalt brought the millings from the roundabout construction to fill the entrance road to Bucks Mill Park. Mr. Orgo commented there is an approximate 1,000 foot section on the bottom of Twin Lakes Drive requiring paving; the entire roadway may not need paving. Mr. Engel suggested paving the smaller jobs and leaving just a few larger streets for paving next year. Mr. Fitzgerald noted Belgium block curbing is cheaper to use in the long run and can be replaced in sections while patched curbing disintegrates. Mr. Fitzgerald commented if the entire street is being repaved, the curbing should also. Mayor Schatzle stated the finance committee will speak with Mr. Antonides regarding the cost of bonding.

9. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Mr. Antus stated he had nothing to add to the Administrative Report.

Mr. Antus advised the Pet Fair recently held at Bucks Mill Park was a success. Mr. Hennessy reported approximately 2,000 people attended, food vendors were monitored by the Health Officer, and the ASPCA successfully facilitated adoptions, 11 of which were to Colts Neck residents.

Mr. Antus advised Mr. Antonides has put in for another \$61,613.14 for Hurricane Irene. This is a total amount, not the 75%.

Mr. Antus reported the roundabout should be open to traffic late tomorrow or Friday. The center area will be planted in the fall. Mr. Antus noted temporary lighting will be installed and the permanent lighting is scheduled to arrive in several weeks. At the request of the Police Department, the orange construction barrels will remain in place to provide awareness to drivers not familiar with the roundabout traffic pattern.

10. **MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS:** Mr. Fitzgerald stated he has reviewed the vouchers and recommends approval as follows:

Animal Control	\$79.68
Capital Fund	\$1,535.99
COAH	\$978.75
Construction Trust	\$10,409.43
Current Fund	\$197,806.57
Grant Fund	\$1,466.60
Trust Fund	\$8,619.94
TOTAL:	<u>\$220,896.96</u>

Mr. Fitzgerald noted the voucher payable to Rutgers in the amount of \$235 without detail was Ms. Leininger;s training. Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried. Mr. Macnow abstained from approving payment to Sakoutis Brothers Disposal Incorporated*.

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Deputy Mayor Orgo		S	X			
Engel		M	X			
Fitzgerald			X			
Macnow			X*		X*	
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11. **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Engel reported Recreation did a wonderful job with this year's Memorial Day Parade, and he commended Mayor Schatzle for his speech honoring Veterans.

Mr. Engel reported a replacement for Anita Dedalis as Chair of the Alliance may have been found.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported members of the Shade Tree Commission planted two trees at Town Hall and continue to monitor the health of the vegetation at the core site.

Mr. Macnow thanked all residents participating in the Memorial Day Parade noting there was a nice turnout. Mr. Macnow commended Mayor Schatzle on his speech.

Mr. Orgo commented this year's Memorial Day Parade was great.

Mayor Schatzle reported Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Public Works Yard. Mayor Schatzle noted the Township is pleased to offer this opportunity for residents to dispose of their unwanted items. This is a service offered for a specific day within a specific time period. Mayor Schatzle noted there is a tremendous amount of regulation that must be followed and the Township does not want to be fined for receiving items outside the designated time period.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Schatzle opened the meeting to public comment.

Mr. Alan Ryan, Life Member of the Fire Department, thanked Tommy Michos, owner of the Caboose Grill at Penn Station, for his donation of refreshments at the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Ryan thanked his family for cooking the hot dogs and thanked the Veterans for their service. Mr. Ryan has spent over 10 years coordinating the refreshments for the annual Memorial Day Parade, and Mayor Schatzle stated it is heartwarming to see him and his family there.

Ms. Elaine Mann, a resident and Clean Communities Coordinator, questioned if the Route 34 paving project is connected to the Route 34/537 cloverleaf project. Mayor Schatzle advised these are two separate projects, noting the 34/537 project involves both Federal and State funding.

Mr. Vince Domidion, a resident and Chair of the Monmouth County Planning Commission, stated it might be worth speaking to the Monmouth County Park System to see if improving the park access road would be funded through the open space grant.

Mr. Jeffrey Sauter, a resident, thanked Alan Ryan for his volunteering. Mr. Sauter questioned the status of filling the Township Administrator position. Mayor Schatzle advised interviews were held with the initial applicants. There is currently a second posting of the position, and interviews will be scheduled soon. Mr. Sauter questioned if Ms. Kara is the Custodian of Record, to which Mayor Schatzle responded in the affirmative. Mr. Sauter commented on Mayor Schatzle's involvement with the fire department made in response to Mr. Flamberg's comments made at a prior meeting as well as the EMS Proclamation and fire calls. Mr. Sauter commented that in his time at the fire department, his memory is that the Mayor responded to only one or two calls. The Mayor interrupted Mr. Sauter's comment based on the relevancy of his comment to government.

Mr. Alan Ryan commented he has personally responded to fire calls during which Mayor Schatzle was also a responder. Mr. Ryan noted specifically a fire Labor Day weekend on Orchard Lane.

Mr. Fulton Wilcox, a resident, questioned if the wireless consultant is Declan O'Scanlon, to which Mayor Schatzle responded in the affirmative. Mr. Wilcox noted the FEMA reimbursement for Hurricane Irene and questioned the status of reimbursement for Superstorm Sandy. Mayor Schatzle responded Mr. Antonides and Township professionals are responding to FEMA requests for information and noted other municipalities are in the same situation as Colts Neck regarding reimbursements. Mr. Fitzgerald noted the Township is reimbursed 90 cents on the dollar for Sandy and 75 cents on the dollar for Irene. Mr. Wilcox expressed concern about rising interest rates in relation to bonding for road paving.

Ms. Elaine Mann questioned if in-house candidates applied for the Administrator position. Ms. Mann was advised this cannot be answered based on personnel law.

Mr. Chuck Camarata, a resident questioned the cost of \$25,000 for a horse statue for the roundabout. Mayor Schatzle advised the roundabout is a County project, not a Township project. The roundabout is utilized for traffic calming.

Ms. Susan Wilcox, a resident, questioned the quality control of the mixture put in paving batches. Mayor Schatzle responded the Township Engineer provides detailed bid specifications when the Township goes out to bid for paving jobs. Various materials are utilized for pothole patching. Mr. Fitzgerald commented the asphalt plants are closed in the winter, and what they were discussing was the paving of roadways, which is different than materials used to fill potholes. Mr. Antus stated staff from T&M Associates (Township Engineer) remain on-site to ensure the work meets bid specifications.

Ms. Elaine Mann questioned the status of the front steps at Town Hall. Mr. Antus advised the contractor is a Colts Neck resident, and he has viewed the problem. The contractor is running behind with his scheduled work, but plans to return to correct the issue.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Schatzle closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

13. **RESOLUTION 2015-74:** EXECUTIVE SESSION was read by title by Mayor Schatzle. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried by voice vote. Mayor Schatzle stated the Township Committee may return in Open Session this evening.

RECORD OF VOTE						
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Mayor Schatzle			X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo			X			
Engel			X			
Fitzgerald	M		X			
Macnow		S	X			
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The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Engel, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried to adjourn Closed session.

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Mayor Schatzle		X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo		X			
Engel	M	X			
Fitzgerald		X			
Macnow	S	X			
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Motion by Mr. Engel, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried to reconvene in public session and adjourn meeting.

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Mayor Schatzle		X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo		X			
Engel	M	X			
Fitzgerald	S	X			
Macnow		X			
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Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Beth Kara, Registered Municipal Clerk