

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 30, 2014
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 Macnow followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following statement was read by Township Clerk, Mr. Bowden: "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by forwarding a News Release to the Asbury Park Press on December 12, 2013 stating a regular meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held April 30, 2014, 7:30 p.m., Colts Neck Town Hall, 124 Cedar Drive, Colts Neck, New Jersey. 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, Russell Macnow; Deputy Mayor, James Schatzle; Committeemen Thomas Orgo and Jarrett Engel

Also Present: Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Robert Bowden; Deputy Municipal Clerk, Beth Kara; and Township Attorney, John O. Bennett, III, Esq.

Absent: None

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2014. Mayor Macnow asked for comments; hearing none, Mayor Macnow asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

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

2. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION: MUNICIPAL CLERKS' WEEK,**
Mayor Macnow read the proclamation in full, and the week of May 4 through May 10, 2014 was proclaimed Municipal Clerks' Week within the Township of Colts Neck. Mayor Macnow thanked Mr. Bowden and Ms. Kara for their service to the Township as Municipal Clerk and Deputy Municipal Clerk, respectively, and they received a round of applause.

3. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Macnow read the proclamation in full, and the week of May 11 through May 17, 2014 was proclaimed National Police Week within the Township of Colts Neck. Mayor Macnow called upon all citizens and patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe this week and commemorate law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities, which has earned them the reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens. The proclamation received a round of applause.

Mayor Macnow revised the order of tonight's agenda and introduced Agenda Item No. 9 for discussion. Mayor Macnow noted the Township previously contracted with a consultant to solicit bids from third-party providers for energy rates for residential customers through an Energy Aggregation Program.

4. **PRESENTATION:** ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM AND BID RESULTS. Mr. Bob Chilton and Ms. Olivia Corkedale, Gabel Associates, were present. Mr. Chilton advised the previously scheduled request for bids was previously delayed due to increases in energy prices. There were eight qualified bidders, four bids submitted and the low bidder withdrew their bid. Awarding a contract to today's lowest bidder could result in a five percent savings or approximately \$100 per year. Mr. Chilton stated energy markets are still elevated, and if the Township delays bid award, greater savings may be realized later in the year. Mr. Chilton noted the non-responsive bidders were not able to bid lower than the JCP&L tariff rate, and he is hoping for better pricing in the summer. Mr. Chilton advised the bid specs were written to be open ended, and he recommends deferring action for a more cost favorable time. Mayor Macnow recommended deferring action tonight. Mr. Fitzgerald noted Gabel Associates, the Township's consultant, receives no compensation until the Township contracts with an energy vendor. Mr. Fitzgerald stated in view of today's bid results, the recommendation to defer action tonight is sound.

5. **RESOLUTION 2014-60:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO A THIRD PARTY POWER SUPPLIER TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE TO COLTS NECK COMMUNITY ENERGY AGGREGATION (CNCEA) PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CNCEA PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 14:4-6 was read by title by Mayor Macnow. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to table the resolution until the September 10, 2014 Township Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Engel and unanimously carried.

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

6. **ORDINANCE 2014-9:** AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45-14) was read by title at second reading by Mayor Macnow. This ordinance would authorize an increase in the final appropriations cap by 3.5%, which amounts to \$265,362 for the CY 2014 budget year resulting from the harsh winter and the high cost of snow removal during the first months of 2014. Mayor Macnow opened the public hearing.

Mr. Fulton Wilcox, a resident, questioned the amount of increase that may be authorized. Mr. Bowden responded the appropriations cap may be increased by .5% by ordinance. Mr. Antonides stated the snow budget increased 50% last year and the Township has to offset that increase through the use of surplus or raising the cap.

Ms. Susan Wilcox, a resident, questioned if there are restrictions on the purpose these funds may be used. Mr. Antonides stated these funds may be used for non-capital items.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Macnow closed the public hearing. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel and unanimously carried.

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

7.

2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

• **COMMENTS OF MAYOR MACNOW:** Mayor Macnow's comments on the 2014 Municipal Budget, were read in full and are appended. Mayor Macnow stated the 2014 tax increase would have been almost flat if not for the severe weather and high cost of snow removal. Mayor Macnow indicated for every \$100 paid in taxes, the municipality receives \$13 to fund local services. Mayor Macnow introduced Mr. Robert Allison, Township Auditor, and Mr. John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer, and stated both are here tonight to answer questions from the public.

• **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Macnow opened the public hearing.

Ms. Elaine Mann, a resident, commended the Township Committee for doing a good job on the 2014 budget. Ms. Mann stated the delivery charge for infield mix was high, and questioned mileage costs of the Code Enforcement Officer and Recreation Director.

Ms. Virginia Amend, a resident and editor of the Colts Neck Calendar, asked if Mr. Orgo leased equipment to Pine Tree Landscaping. Mr. Orgo responded his son leased equipment.

Mr. Vince Domidion, a resident and Monmouth County Planning Board Chair, stated this is a very sound budget. Mr. Domidion stated we are seeing consequences in the rise of debt service and the cap, and are losing flexibility. Mr. Domidion stated this was a very diligent effort in putting together this year's budget, and the workshop sessions discussed budget items in detail. Mr. Domidion stated this is a smooth process.

Ms. Debbie Evankow, a resident, stated this is a good process and sets an example of how to spend wisely.

Ms. Judy Laufer, a resident, questioned if the Department of Public Works had its auction yet. Mr. Antonides responded it has not been held yet, and usually is held in the fall.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Macnow closed the public hearing.

8.

RESOLUTION 2014-59: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ADOPTION OF THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET was read by title by Mayor Macnow. This resolution confirms the adoption of the 2014 municipal budget: General Appropriations, \$11,313,892; Dedicated Open Space, \$362,380; for a total of \$11,676,272. Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

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

9. **RESOLUTION 2014-59A: RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPROVED BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-9** was read by title by Mayor Macnow. This resolution amends the 2014 approved municipal budget as follows: General Revenues, Surplus Anticipated changes from \$1,250,000 to \$1,172,346; Receipts from Delinquent Taxes changes from \$375,000 to \$452,654; and Total General Revenues remains at \$11,313,902. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

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

Messrs. Allison and Antonides left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

10. **CAPITAL ORDINANCE 2014-12: CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING \$296,100 THEREFOR, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** was read by title at first reading by Mayor Macnow. Mayor Macnow stated this ordinance would authorize the following expenditures from the Township's Capital Improvement Fund:
- Road improvements, estimated cost \$38,800;
 - Town Hall and building improvements, \$25,600;
 - Purchase of two marked Police Utility 4wd vehicles, \$66,000;
 - Municipal Court improvements, \$8,500;
 - Purchase of Police equipment (mobile radios, radar units, vehicle computers and printers), \$41,800;
 - Recreation and Parks improvements, \$30,000;
 - Purchase of computers and related items, various Departments, \$10,400;
 - First Aid Squad uniforms/turnout gear, \$16,000;
 - Purchase of Public Works 4wd vehicle with plow, \$40,000;
 - Public Works equipment improvements (includes front end loader), \$10,000; and
 - Public Works GPS System, \$9,000.

Mayor Macnow stated these expenditures were discussed earlier during his 2014 Municipal Budget comments. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried. Mayor Macnow set the public hearing May 14, 2014.

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

11. **ORDINANCE 2014-13:** AN ENTITLED A 2014 SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK was read by title at first reading by Mayor Macnow. Mayor Macnow advised this ordinance includes administrative and confidential employees and those not covered by bargaining unit contracts. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel and unanimously carried. Mayor Macnow set the public hearing May 14, 2014.

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

12. **ORDINANCE 2014-14:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 102 DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 102-8 ENTITLED "ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT" was read by title by Mayor Macnow at first reading. Mayor Macnow advised effective July 1, 2014, passage of this ordinance would limit the number of extensions to obtain a construction permit not to exceed three one-year extensions from the date of the variance granted under Subsection B(2)(c). Mr. Fitzgerald noted the Township's Development Regulations would then be consistent with Municipal Land Use Law. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried. Mayor Macnow set the public hearing May 28, 2014.

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

13. **RESOLUTION 2014-61:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID, 30 YARD ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS, CLEAN UP DAY (\$14,800) was read by title by Mayor Macnow. Mr. Bowden stated the base bid was estimated from past years; however, this volume is not guaranteed. The low bidder was Mazza & Sons, Inc., Tinton Falls, New Jersey. The bid: 200 tons @ \$59 per ton = \$11,800; and 40 pulls @ \$75 per pull = \$3,000; for a total bid price of \$14,800. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel and carried by Messrs. Macnow, Schatzle, Engel and Fitzgerald; Mr. Orgo abstained.

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

14. **MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:**

15. ***RESOLUTION 2014-62:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE, ZONING BOARD APPLICATION NO. 865 (LORIO – ROUTE 34)

16. ***RESOLUTION 2014-63:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SPECIAL PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, STREET OPENING, BLOCK 44.01, LOT 9.05 (109 STONE HILL ROAD)

Mr. Fitzgerald questioned when new streets are opened, are we indicating they should be closed by infrared methods, to which Mr. Bowden replied in the affirmative. Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel and unanimously carried.

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

17. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Mr. Bowden stated he had nothing to add to his report this evening. Mr. Bowden advised the scaffolding is now in place at Town Hall and the slate roof replacement has begun. Mr. Bowden reported if the weather holds out, the parking lot side of the roof should be completed by Memorial Day.

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

Alliance Against Abuse	\$245.00
Animal Control	\$82.89
COAH	\$360.00
Construction Trust	\$13,179.89
Current Fund	\$804,814.05
Escrow	\$5,666.54
Grant Fund	\$1,000.00
Tax Collectors Trust	\$233,826.67
Trust Fund	\$8,954.11
TOTAL:	<u>\$1,068,129.15</u>

Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried. Mr. Schatzle abstained from approving payment to T&M Associates*.

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

19. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Engel reported he attended an Operation Provide Comfort meeting, which brings together the communities of Colts Neck and Union Beach. Mr. Engel noted the Colts Neck community is still involved with efforts to help restore Union Beach after the Superstorm Sandy devastation. Mr. Engel indicated this group is now working to sponsor a concert featuring Colts Neck resident Jacqui Lee with proceeds going to the Union Beach restoration efforts; with details to follow.

Mr. Engel reported the Police Department and Alliance initiative, "Operation Take Back" for the collection and destruction of unwanted and expired medications recently held at the Court House was a huge success. All medications collected were brought to the designated location for safe and secure disposal. Mr. Engel noted having this event on an annual basis prompts residents to review medications on hand.

Mr. Schatzle reported the Colts Neck Fair is being held July 10 through 13, 2014 at Bucks Mill Park. Mr. Schatzle noted the Fair organizers are looking for sponsors and volunteers. All are urged to participate to make this year's Fair a success.

Mr. Orgo had no report this evening.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported the new COAH regulations were just released for public comment. Counsel Bennett stated the numbers were released also.

Mayor Macnow reported he attended the Arbor Day commemoration sponsored by the Shade Tree Commission at Town Hall on April 26th. Mayor Macnow noted the Axelrod family donated several willow oaks planted along Heritage Way, which should grow to between 80 and 100 feet.

Mayor Macnow noted while the Arbor Day celebration was taking place, the Operation Take Back collection of medications was also underway at the Court House. Mayor Macnow stated the collection boxes filled quickly and this is a great way to dispose of unwanted medications safely.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

With no further comments, Mayor Macnow opened the meeting to public comment.

Ms. Elaine Mann questioned the funding of Senior Citizens trips and the payments made by participants. Mayor Macnow stated the Senior Citizens trips are paid by voucher through the Township's accounting system up to the amount annually approved within the municipal budget. Ms. Judy Laufer, resident, Senior Citizens Club member and past Senior Citizens President, stated the Township pays for the bus and the Seniors contribute to the cost of the event. Mr. Fitzgerald noted the Township's voucher system does not determine "bang for the buck". Mr. Fitzgerald noted the Seniors Club has additional events after the Township funding is expended, and commented Ms. Mann's analyses are faulty, as they do not reflect these

events. Mr. Schatzle commented all members receive the newsletters listing the trips planned, and they are vouchered up to their budget allocation. Mr. Schatzle indicated this is the eighth year of the same discussion.

Ms. Virginia Amend, a resident and Editor of the Colts Neck Calendar, noted out of 200 Senior Club members, only 40 or 50 spaces are available to attend trips. Ms. Amend commented the school population is decreasing. Ms. Amend stated local school buildings have a capacity of 2,100 students; current enrollment is 1,100 students, and questioned if there is a plan to consolidate schools. Mayor Macnow stated the Township is working with the local School Board on various issues; however, the Township and the Local School Board are two separate governing bodies. Mayor Macnow noted the Local School Board members are elected and they do have budget sessions open to the public.

Ms. Mann asked Mayor Macnow if he would escort her to Lambertville to receive a Clean Communities Program award on May 22nd. Mayor Macnow responded if his schedule permits.

Mr. Jeffrey Sauter, a resident, questioned why Mr. Orgo abstained from the Clean up Day related resolution this evening. Mr. Orgo responded he has a business relationship and abstained. Mr. Sauter commented on the Senior Citizens discussion stating Mr. Schatzle was straightforward and Mr. Fitzgerald knew the details.

Ms. Susan Wilcox asked what happens if all containers are filled at Clean Up Day. Mr. Bowden responded additional containers would be available for filling.

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

21. **RESOLUTION 2014-64: EXECUTIVE SESSION** was read by title by Mayor Macnow. Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel and unanimously carried by voice vote. Mayor Macnow stated the Township Committee would not be returning to open session this evening.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Engel, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried to adjourn Closed Session.

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

Motion by Mr. Engel, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried to reconvene in public session and adjourn meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.



Robert Bowden, Administrator/Municipal Clerk

Attachment

2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 30, 2014

MAYOR RUSSELL MACNOW

I would just like to make a few comments prior to opening the public hearing for the 2014 budget:

- The total 2014 municipal budget is \$11,676,272. This amount is inclusive of the \$362,380 that will be raised by the dedicated open space tax of 1.2 cents.
- The budget is \$630,244 higher than the 2013 budget of \$11,046,028.
- The municipal purpose tax rate will increase by 1.1 cents this year from 20.3 cents to 21.4 cents.
- For a home assessed at \$800,000, this represents an increase of \$88 in property taxes for the year, or a total increase from \$1,624 to \$1,712.
- The budget is \$161,306 under the 2% tax levy CAP and \$109,063 under the appropriation CAP.
- \$1,250,000 of surplus funds have been utilized to offset the budget, leaving just under \$500,000 for next year or the future.
- No school tax deferral has been used to offset the tax rate.
- State Aid remains the same as last year and totals \$1,980,938.
- \$6,447,804 will be raised in property taxes to support the budget compared to \$6,187,210 last year.
- Most operating budgets remained roughly the same as last year.
- Major increases to the budget include the following:
 - By far, the largest increase to the budget are cost associated with snow removal. Operating costs have been increased by \$257,000 to \$461,000 this year, while overtime has increased by \$20,500 to \$50,000.
 - The combined increase to operating costs and overtime is \$277,500. This increase alone represents .9 (nine tenths) of the 1.1 cent tax increase this year.

- Medical insurance increased by \$62,589 this year, though this is offset by increased employee payroll deductions pursuant to law.
- Debt service has increased by \$215,871, excluding amounts budgeted for Superstorm Sandy, which is offset by the same amount as a revenue.
- The budget includes a very aggressive “pay as you go” capital program that includes the following:
 - \$30,000 for recreational field improvements.
 - \$16,000 for First Aid Squad turn-out uniforms.
 - \$66,000 for two (2) 4WD marked Police vehicles.
 - \$25,000 for Police mobile radios.
 - \$8,600 to replace three (3) Police radar units.
 - \$8,200 to purchase two (2) Police vehicle computers.
 - \$9,000 to purchase a Public Works GPS system.
 - \$25,600 for Town Hall improvements, including carpeting, copy machine and water conditioner.
 - \$8,500 for Court security, including ballistic shielding.
 - \$10,400 for computer replacements.
 - \$38,800 for road improvements, including drainage and road stripping.
- No new or additional employees are contained in the budget. Full time employees will receive salary increases averaging two percent.
- It is important to note that of the total projected tax rate, the Municipal portion is 13.40 percent; local schools 41.67 percent, regional schools 26.32 percent, with the County at 18.61 percent.
- The Township Committee thanks those residents that attended all or some of the budget review sessions. Your comments are always welcomed and appreciated.
- I would also like to introduce the Township’s Auditor, Mr. Robert Allison, and Finance Officer, Mr. John Antonides, both of whom are here tonight to answer any questions, if needed.
- Unless there are additional comments from members of the Township Committee, I would now like to open the public hearing for the 2014 Municipal Budget.