TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 28, 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 May 28, 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 Counsel Christopher Ackerman, Esq.

Absent: None

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1. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- **APRIL 30, 2014**: Hearing no comments, Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

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	

- **MAY 14, 2014**: Hearing no comments, Mr. Schatzle 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	M	X			
Orgo		X			
Engel		X			
Fitzgerald	S	X			
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2. **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 second reading. 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), which would then make the Township's regulations consistent with Municipal Land Use Law.

Hearing no comment from the Township Committee, Mayor Macnow opened the public hearing. Hearing no comment, Mayor Macnow closed the public hearing.

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

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle		X			
Orgo		X			
Engel	S	X			
Fitzgerald	M	X			
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3. **RESOLUTION 2014-67:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID, ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II ($684,917.95) was read by title by Mayor Macnow. Mr. Bowden stated the roads included in this bid award are Colts Gait Lane, Pacer Court, Gaitway Drive, Cherry Drive, Birch Lane, Dogwood Court, Willow Lake Drive and Boundary Road from Clover Hill Road to Route 520. Mr. Bowden stated the low bidder is Meco of Clarksburg, New Jersey. Mr. Orgo expressed concern about the quality of Meco's paving on one of the roads in town. Mr. Schatzle commented the Township Engineer tested the road in question and will continue to closely monitor the paving work performed. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel and unanimously carried.

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle		X			
Orgo		X			
Engel	S	X			
Fitzgerald	M	X			
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4. **MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:**

***RESOLUTION 2014-68:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF SPECIAL PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, HOUSING DEMOLITION; BLOCK 53.01, LOT 5 (99 OBRE ROAD)

***RESOLUTION 2014-69:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VETERAN'S DISALLOWANCE

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

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle	S	X			
Orgo		X			
Engel		X			
Fitzgerald	M	X			
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5. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Mr. Bowden stated he had nothing to add to his report this evening. Mr. Bowden stated the Fire Department is seeking Township Committee approval to serve beer at the annual Colts Neck Fair July 10-13, 2014. Mr. Orgo questioned who insures the Fire Department. Mr. Bowden responded the Township insures the Fire Department and obtains a special insurance rider for this event at no additional cost to the Township. By voice vote, all Township Committeemembers approved the serving of beer by the Fire Department at the upcoming Colts Neck Fair to be held in Bucks Mill Park.

6. **MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS:** Mr. Schatzle stated he reviewed the vouchers for this meeting. Mr. Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Schatzle for doing so in his absence. Mr. Orgo questioned the delivery date for the new fire truck, to which Mr. Bowden responded a date has not been determined as yet. Mr. Schatzle recommends the approval of all vouchers, as follows:

Animal Control	$82.89
Capital Fund	$521,327.89
COAH	$665.00
Construction Trust	$9,787.60
Current Fund	$238,768.56
Escrow	$7,113.22
Grant Fund	$7,515.09
Trust Fund	$6,729.50
TOTAL:	$791,989.75

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

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Deputy Mayor Schatzle		*X		*X	
Orgo		X			
Engel	M	X			
Fitzgerald	S	X			
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7. **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Orgo reported the Wildlife Committee is meeting Monday, June 16, 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. Mr. Orgo reported the meeting has been placed on the Township's website and reported to local print media (Colts Neck Journal and Colts Neck Calendar) and the internet information service Patch. Mr. Orgo encouraged all citizens to attend this meeting.

Mr. Orgo reported Long Range Planning met last week.

Mr. Fitzgerald had no report this evening.

Mr. Engel reported the Cole Bros. circus will be in town June 8 to 11, 2014, at Bucks Mill Park.

Mr. Engel reported tonight members are present from Operation Provide Comfort, the community group comprised of residents from Colts Neck and Union Beach working to restore Union Beach from Superstorm Sandy. Mr. Engel reported the One Town, One Voice concert has been scheduled for August 23rd at Brookdale Community College. Colts Neck resident Jacqui Lee will be performing, and doors open at 6:30 p.m. On-line ticket sales will be available shortly.

Mr. Schatzle had no report this evening.

Mayor Macnow thanked everyone for attending the Memorial Day commemoration. Mayor Macnow noted it was a great day with good attendance.

Mayor Macnow reported a COAH meeting was held last night. The Township is looking into working with EVERAS Community Services, an organization that develops homes for the developmentally disabled. Mayor Macnow noted the COAH sub-committee is hoping to commit funds to allow the purchase and have this group come into Town.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mr. Jeffrey Sauter, a resident, read a prepared letter to Mayor Macnow, dated May 27, 2014, in which he expressed his concern that abstentions have become the new no vote. A copy of this letter is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

Ms. Vikki McGuinness, a resident, expressed her concern about adjacent properties to her home not being mowed, which is having and adverse impact on her outdoor enjoyment. Discussion ensued and Mr. Bowden stated he will work with Ms. McGuinness and Mr. Galinski to abate this problem.

Ms. Virginia Amend, editor of the Colts Neck Calendar and a resident, spoke about the planned roundabout at the intersections of Crine, Heulitt and Dutch Lane. Ms. Amend noted Brook Crossan, Planning Board, stated he was never consulted on this County project. Ms. Amend stated she agrees with Freeholder Curley that the public should have an opportunity to speak on this issue. Mayor Macnow responded the County roundabout planning dates back to 2009, and there is an extensive history of what transpired then that has not been reflected in recent discussions.

Ms. Elaine Mann, a resident, stated she has contacted Mr. Ettore, County Engineer, who has agreed to speak with Emergency Service members concerned about navigating the planned roundabout. Mayor Macnow noted the roundabout is a County project, and residents should speak with the County Engineer if they want to.

Mr. Schatzle commented the roundabout was a five-year discussion during which County Engineers provided presentations of between four and eight intersection options. Mr. Schatzle noted the traffic studies and accident statistics reviewed by the County warranted action. The traffic and engineering experts chose the roundabout as the best solution to making this intersection safer.

Mayor Macnow commented he and Messrs. Fitzgerald and Orgo were not members of the Township Committee at that time. Messrs. Schatzle and Engel were members of the Governing Body approving the roundabout.

Mr. Engel commented many residents came out to the information session and public hearing, and there were field trips to the site. Mr. Engel stated residents were given the opportunity to speak about this issue during the process.

Mr. Fitzgerald noted he was not on the Governing Body then, but he sat through the testimonials. Mr. Fitzgerald stated all hearings and action taken pre-dates his appointment to the Township Committee; however, he would be in favor of this action if voted on today, as it is the appropriate response to the volume and speed of cars on those roads. Mr. Fitzgerald stated there were public notices and public information sessions about the roundabout issue, and these are good people making good responses to existing conditions.

Mr. Fulton Wilcox, a resident, suggested restarting the process due to the passage of time. Mr. Fitzgerald responded it took four years to have the property involved condemned. Mr. Fitzgerald urged not to get the history of the roundabout confused with the realignment of the State Highway 34/County Road 537 intersection.

Ms. Susan Wilcox, a resident, stated the roundabout was not brought up on a yearly basis and noted communication from the County is lacking.

Ms. Judy Laufer, a resident, stated five years ago, she had the Seniors cleaning the debris on Crine Road as part of the Clean Communities Program. Ms. Laufer took the Seniors off that roadway, as vehicles were traveling 50 mph and it was too dangerous.

Mr. Jeffrey Sauter stated he has no problem speaking at a podium and is personally videotaping to grant the public access to meetings.

Ms. Susan Wilcox asked for better communication between the Township and residents. Mayor Macnow stated the meetings are carried in the three local print media covering the Township and published on the Township's website. Out of the three publications, most people read at least one, and there are many informal e-mail chains operating within the Township. Each newsletter issued is at a cost of $1,600, and the Reverse 911 System is for emergency use only.

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

9. **RESOLUTION 2014-70:** EXECUTIVE SESSION was read by title by Mayor Macnow. Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald 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		X			
Orgo		X			
Engel	M	X			
Fitzgerald	S	X			
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The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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

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Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle		X			
Orgo	S	X			
Engel	M	X			
Fitzgerald		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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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle		X			
Orgo		X			
Engel	M	X			
Fitzgerald	S	X			
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Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Robert Bowden, Administrator/Municipal Clerk