

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 14, 2010
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 Florek 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 10, 2009 stating that the meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held on April 14, 2010 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 Florek, Deputy Mayor Schatzle, Committeemen Engel, Eastman and Fitzgerald

Also Present: Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Robert Bowden; Deputy Municipal Clerk, Beth Kara; and Township Counsel, John O. Bennett, III, Esq. (arriving late)

Absent: None

Mayor Florek announced effective April 9, 2010, the Navy has suspended the Record of Decision and is abandoning the privatization of the Laurelwood housing at NWS Earle. Mayor Florek was advised the Navy will terminate the lease with the developer within the next week or two. Plans are to demolish the Laurelwood housing. Mayor Florek noted this has been a long-standing issue that is now being resolved.

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 31, 2010.** Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and carried by Messrs. Florek, Schatzle, Eastman and Fitzgerald; Mr. Engel abstained.

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

- 2. ORDINANCE 2010-3:** 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 Florek. Mr. Bowden advised by law, municipalities cannot exceed 2.5% of the prior year's budget; however, the passage of this ordinance would provide the flexibility to increase this year's budget to 3.5% of the prior year's budget in the event of unanticipated need. Mr. Bowden stated the CAP has never been exceeded, and the 3.5% increase can be banked for two years. With no comments from the Governing Body, Mayor Florek opened the meeting to public comment. Hearing none, Mayor Florek closed the meeting. 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 Florek		X			
Schatzle	S	X			
Engel		X			
Eastman		X			
Fitzgerald	M	X			
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3. **RESOLUTION 2010-56:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF CASH PERFORMANCE FUNDS TO COMPLETE IMPROVEMENTS FOR P.B. APPLICATION NO. 546 (MOCKINGBIRD LANE) was read by title by Mayor Florek. Mr. Salvatore Alfieri spoke on behalf of his client, the developer, who is requesting the Township Committee use the cash bond to complete the remaining elements of the project and eliminate the need for a maintenance bond.

Counsel Bennett arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Discussion ensued. Mayor Florek noted the affected resident spoke at the last Township Committee meeting regarding this issue and a sprinkler system had been installed over two years ago on this property, which would aid required plantings to survive. All Governing Body members agreed the resolution stands as presently written. Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Eastman and unanimously carried.

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

4. **RESOLUTION 2010-57:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK TO GRANT A DEED OF OPEN SPACE EASEMENT TO THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH was read by title by Mayor Florek. Mr. Bowden stated the Wobito property, Block 1, Lot 2, was purchased by the Township with Open Space Funds at a cost of \$240,000, of which the State will reimburse the Township \$120,000, while the County will pay \$100,000. Once this resolution and executed Deed of Open Space Easement is received in the County, the Township will be reimbursed \$100,000 by the County. Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Florek		X			
Schatzle	S	X			
Engel	M	X			
Eastman		X			
Fitzgerald		X			
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5. **RESOLUTION 2010-58:** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND CERTIFYING LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) CREDITS FOR 2009 FOR COLTS NECK FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 AND NO. 2 was read by title by Mayor Florek. Mayor Florek noted all requested information was received, reviewed and found to be acceptable by the

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

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Florek		X			
Schatzle		X			
Engel	S	X			
Eastman		X			
Fitzgerald	M	X			
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6. **RESOLUTION 2010-59:** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND CERTIFYING LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) CREDITS FOR 2009 FOR COLTS NECK FIRST AID was read by title by Mayor Florek. Mayor Florek noted all information was reviewed and found to be acceptable by the Governing Body. Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Eastman and unanimously carried.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Florek		X			
Schatzle		X			
Engel	M	X			
Eastman	S	X			
Fitzgerald		X			
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Mr. Bowden noted both resolutions would be posted at Town Hall and the cited locations for 30 days. If no protests are received, each volunteer would be credited for service during calendar year 2009.

7. **RESOLUTION 2010-60:** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ENGINEER, MR. GLENN GERKEN, P.E., T&M ASSOCIATES was read by title by Mayor Florek. Mr. Bowden stated with the dissolution of CMX, Mr. Gerken is now working at T&M Associates. Mr. Gerken's proposed 2010 contract agreement at T&M Associates for engineering services is identical to his 2010 CMX agreement. Mr. Gerken was appointed as the Township Engineer at the 2010 Reorganization meeting in January. The passage of this resolution would retain Mr. Gerken as Township Engineer. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Florek		X			
Schatzle	S	X			
Engel		X			
Eastman		X			
Fitzgerald	M	X			
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8. **RESOLUTION 2010-61:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20-5 WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE THAT MAY EXCEED \$17,500 was read by title by Mayor Florek. Mr. Bowden stated the professionals listed within this resolution are the professionals appointed at the 2010 Township Committee Reorganization meeting in January 2010. During this time, Mr. Bowden negotiated the professional contract rates and stated while some rates remained status quo, most rates were reduced; there were no increases. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Florek		X			
Schatzle		X			
Engel	S	X			
Eastman		X			
Fitzgerald	M	X			
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9. **RESOLUTION 2010-62:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20-5 WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE LESS THAN \$17,500 was read by title by Mayor Florek. Mr. Bowden advised with the new Pay to Play Laws, it is mandatory the Clerk estimate the annual cost of contracts over and under the \$17,500 threshold. Again, the professionals named within this resolution were appointed during the 2010 Township Committee Reorganization meeting in January 2010. 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 Florek		X			
Schatzle		X			
Engel	S	X			
Eastman		X			
Fitzgerald	M	X			
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10. **RESOLUTION 2010-63:** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TAX ASSESSOR, MR. TIM ANFUSO was read by title by Mayor Florek. Mayor Florek stated during Mr. Magnani's absence, Mr. Anfuso, a Certified Tax Assessor, has stepped up and done an admirable job as the Township's Tax Assessor. Mr. Bowden stated the County Tax Board has requested the Township adopt this resolution officially appointing Mr. Anfuso. Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Florek		X			
Schatzle	M	X			
Engel		X			
Eastman		X			
Fitzgerald	S	X			
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11. **RESOLUTION 2010-64:** RESOLUTION AMENDING 2010 TEMPORARY BUDGET was read by title by Mayor Florek. Mayor Florek stated the passage of this resolution is necessary to continue operations in the absence of an adopted municipal budget for 2010. 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 Florek		X			
Schatzle	S	X			
Engel		X			
Eastman		X			
Fitzgerald	M	X			
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12. **MOTION TO ADOPT A CONSENT AGENDA:**

13. ***RESOLUTION 2010-65:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECREATION PROGRAM REFUND.

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

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Florek			X			
Schatzle			X			
Engel		S	X			
Eastman			X			
Fitzgerald	M		X			
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14. **DISCUSSION:** TRUMP NATIONAL GOLF CLUB AT COLTS NECK, AMEND ORDINANCE 102-93, GOLF COURSES. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Alfieri addressed the Governing Body stating On October 16, 2009, Alcoholic Beverage Control rules contained in N.J.S.A. 13:2-16.11, were modified to clarify the policies and procedures governing the serving of alcoholic beverages at golf courses established in New Jersey after February 2002. Mr. Roberts noted the revisions are generally consistent with Colts Neck’s Municipal Code; however, there is a conflict regarding the number of non-member, non-golf events where alcohol may be served. The State permits 25 events in one calendar year, whereas the Township’s Code permits 12 events in one calendar year. Mr. Roberts indicated the Trump organization is very agreeable to hosting charitable events and does so at marginal cost. The additional 13 events would bring revenues to offset the charity events. Mr. Fitzgerald stated the Township’s Code should mirror the State’s ruling. Mr. Bowden noted that if the number of events were changed, the Township’s decision could always be reversed, if warranted. Mr. Roberts stated he has spoken to the owners of the Colts Neck Golf Course, the Colts Neck Inn, and Huddy’s, all of whom are in agreement with the requested increase. Mayor Florek noted a sub-committee arrived at a consensus of 12 events per calendar year. Mayor Florek recommended all sub-committee members and Mr. Anfuso be advised of the proposal and comments solicited. Mr. Roberts was asked to return at a later meeting for further consideration once the sub-committee input was received. Mr. Bowden will speak with Mr. Anfuso regarding contacting the sub-committee.

Mr. Roberts then discussed the particulars of the Cadillac Invitational, an event the Trump Golf Club plans to host this summer. This one-day golf event will include golf clinics, a driving range stocked with the latest equipment from Callaway Golf, additional events and test drives in a variety of Cadillac automobiles. Mr. Roberts spoke of the logistical arrangements in progress, and provided several letters of recommendation from clubs that have successfully hosted this event with no negative impact on the surrounding community. Mr. Roberts stated Cadillac plans to make donations to the Fire Department and First Aid Squad and will pay for off-duty Police. Mr. Roberts stated the Trump organization wants to run a safe event with minimal impact to the community. Mr. Roberts stated the property owners adjacent to the Trump facility will receive prior notification of this event. Mayor Florek thanked Mr. Roberts for coming to apprise the Governing Body of the particulars planned for this event, noting it is being handled very well.

15. **DISCUSSION:** TOWNSHIP-WIDE CURFEW. Deputy Mayor Schatzle noted he is the Liaison to The Grande Association, and as such, has been asked to explore Township-wide curfews for persons under the age of 18 (excludes those emancipated by court order) between the hours of 11:01 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., year-round. Mr. Schatzle noted the Township annually enacts

a Halloween curfew for underage youth. Mr. Schatzle noted there are two municipalities within Monmouth County with year-round curfews and others throughout the State. Mr. Schatzle noted Sgt. Walsh, the Township's Community Service Officer and Juvenile Officer, recommends the Township consider adopting a juvenile curfew ordinance to better protect the residents and businesses of Colts Neck while insuring the safety of the youth and reducing criminal mischief events. Mayor Florek stated the draft ordinance appears to be too restrictive, noting under this draft, an older sibling could not legally drive an underage sibling home during curfew. Mayor Florek noted the Hillsboro ordinance is a little better; however, he is looking for a middle ground. Discussion ensued. Mayor Florek then opened the meeting to public comment.

Ms. Ashley Tanner questioned if the curfew ordinance proposed was specific to The Grande location. Mr. Schatzle responded stating it would be Township-wide.

Mr. John Weh (sp?) commented the proposed curfew conflicts with the rules of motor vehicle operators under the age of 18 being able to legally drive until midnight.

Ms. Karen Salzberg agreed with the problem of an older sibling driving a younger sibling illegally under the proposed curfew. Ms. Salzberg commented the more rules made, the more rules are broken. She stated we are asking our children to trust us, but we are not trusting them to make wise choices, and she questioned what, as a society, are we teaching our youth? She also noted many 17 year olds leave home for college, yet would not be able to legally drive within their hometown.

Ms. Virginia Amend questioned if we have a problem, to which Mr. Schatzle responded in the affirmative, noting The Grande has become problematic. Mr. Schatzle stated one possible way to address this issue is by a Township-wide curfew.

Mr. Charles Stefano stated he does not want to make too many rules, and questioned enforcement given the proposed Police force reduction.

Mr. Frank Esposito questioned the problems and asked if this is becoming the military state of Colts Neck. Mr. Schatzle noted there is an enforcement issue within The Grande. Mr. Esposito stated under the proposed ordinance, the affected youth would have a record and called this a wasted rule.

Mr. Vince Domidion stated there are 566 municipalities in New Jersey, yet only a handful have gone this route. Mr. Domidion questioned how other towns are handling this issue.

Mr. Frank Rizutto stated the Police can take anyone under 18 home or to the station house if they are a danger to themselves. Mr. Rizutto stated that is what most municipalities do. Mr. Rizutto concurs with the Mischief Nights/Halloween Curfew.

Mr. Robert Sayko questioned how often underage youth are on the streets at night.

Sgt. Kevin Walsh stated the proposed ordinance gives the next level of recourse for the actions of the repeat offenders within the problem youth population (approximately 1%) not doing the right thing. Sgt. Walsh stated the ordinance would be a good enforcement tool.

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

Mr. Fitzgerald noted the Township cannot adopt an ordinance targeted to a particular section of town and must do it township-wide. Mr. Fitzgerald defers to the Police, who are the professionals, and he supports this ordinance.

Mayor Florek stated the Governing Body must look closely at this proposed ordinance before proceeding.

16. **DISCUSSION:** NIXLE COMMUNITY INFORMATION SERVICE. Mr. Schatzle noted the NIXLE service offered is at no cost and relays emergency notifications to the subscribing public via text messaging or e-mail, while the Swiftreach 911 notification system relays emergency notifications via telephone and voice messaging. Mr. Schatzle noted the Nixle service is working successfully in many communities, is a very secure service, and he would like to move forward with this initiative. Mr. Schatzle envisions utilization by Administration, Recreation, Public Works, and the Police in providing timely information to the public. Mr. Schatzle stated the enrollment would be on the Township’s website, and residents would opt in, not opt out. Mr. Eastman noted e-mail addresses collected by the Nixle service would not be sold. Mayor Florek questioned if this would become someone’s sounding board within the community. Mr. Schatzle commented posting access to the service would be limited and each post can be tracked with access eliminated, if warranted. Mayor Florek opened the meeting to public comment.

Mr. Robert Sayko commented this system is a great idea, as the information can be received by text messages to cell phones. Mr. Sayko stated the free Nixle service could replace the Reverse 911 service, which is provided at a cost to the Township.

With no further comment, Mayor Florek closed the meeting to public comment. All Governing Body members agreed to proceed. Mr. Schatzle will meet with Mr. Bowden to work out the particulars.

17. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Mr. Bowden had nothing further to add to his report. Mr. Bowden reported the Colts Neck Reformed Church is planning its 3rd Annual Community 5K Fun Run on Saturday, June 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and is seeking Governing Body approval to use local streets, as in past years. Mayor Florek noted this is a well run event. Mr. Schatzle concurred and made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Florek			X			
Schatzle	M		X			
Engel			X			
Eastman			X			
Fitzgerald		S	X			
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18. **MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS:** Mr. Schatzle reviewed the vouchers, noting all were in order, and are as follows:

Animal Control	\$82.78
Capital Fund	\$223.00
Construction Trust	\$10,898.62
Current Fund	\$460,209.69
Grant Fund	\$419.53
Trust Fund	\$6,991.95
TOTAL APPROVED:	\$478,825.57

Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel, and unanimously carried, with Mr. Eastman noted he approves all and *abstains from approving those involving Police matters.

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Florek			X			
Schatzle	M		X			
Engel	S		X			
Eastman			X		X*	
Fitzgerald			X			
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19. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Fitzgerald reported the Recreation Committee is planning for the 5K run on May 15 and the upcoming annual Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. Engel reported the First Aid Squad did a great job on the recent community event they sponsored. This was very informative and well received by all participants.

Mr. Engel reported the Fair Committee is working on this year’s Fair. The Committee has reached out to Monmouth County, who agreed to loan its directional signs to the Township for this event.

Mr. Engel reported the Website Committee is doing a fantastic job in refreshing the site, all at no cost to the Township.

Mr. Schatzle reported he is working with Ed Thompson to review the needs of Township buildings and grounds and keep them in good order with limited resources.

Mr. Schatzle reported the Colts Neck Polo season begins the end of May.

Mr. Schatzle reported the Colts Neck Business Association is planning an event at the Blue Claws stadium May 22nd at 4:00 p.m. In addition, the Business Association is finalizing plans for Old Towne Colts Neck Day on June 5th.

Mr. Eastman reported he attended the Shade Tree Commission meeting. With a small agenda, it was a quick meeting.

Mr. Eastman reported the Historic Preservation Committee is winding up the renovations on the Montrose Road School House. The cost of renovations will be offset by monies anticipated from the County.

Mr. Eastman reported the Historic Preservation Committee is holding its annual Spring Tea at his home on April 25th.

Mayor Florek reported COAH is now on hold, as per State direction.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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

Ms. Elaine Mann, a resident, stated she was disturbed to read in a recent edition of a local news publication the Freeholder Director commented paid Township employees should take a pay freeze, yet she, as chair of a committee, advocates buying plaques. Ms. Mann suggested the committee clean the roads to fund the plaques.

Ms. Virginia Amend, resident and editor of the Colts Neck Calendar, commended the Mayor of Spring Lake, Ms. Janice Venable, for paying down \$5 million toward a \$19 million bond, even in these difficult times. Ms. Amend stated we should emulate Spring Lake's action.

Colts Neck PBA Delegate, Kristian DeVito, read a prepared statement to the Governing Body pertaining to the 2010 municipal budget as it relates to the Police Department. A copy of this statement is appended.

Mr. Charles Schifano, a resident, stated he supports the Police Department and given the recent home invasions and burglaries, he is concerned about Police force reductions.

Mr. Frank Esposito, a resident, stated residents within several sections of town are looking to hire their own security staff. Mr. Esposito stated the Police Department is the wrong place to cut; he would like to have the Police staff increased. Mr. Esposito stated he is pleased with the Township buildings, but he would rather spend building repair funds on Police salaries.

Mr. Robert Sayko, a resident, stated there is a formula for the number of officers for a given population and he questioned how much would be saved by Police cuts.

Mayor Florek responded noting Mr. DeVito's statement was not accurate. One starting salary officer position was being considered for lay off and a Sergeant is planning to retire next year; that position was being considered not to be back-filled. Mayor Florek stated safety is the primary concern of this Governing Body. If a decision would jeopardize the safety of residents, it would not be done, and larger cuts in other areas would be made. Mayor Florek stated we can only spend the money we have, as does Spring Lake.

Mr. Schatzle commented many have attended the 2010 municipal budget workshops. The Township following zero based budgeting methodology, whereby every line item is analyzed. Mr. Schatzle stated the Township Committee is now dealing with what has happened in the State from many years past. The 2010 municipal budget started with a \$1 million shortfall to a budget that is \$11 million in total. There was a \$500,000 loss in State Aid and an increased snow budget of \$300,000.

Ms. Elaine Mann questioned if the Township receives any of the admission fees charged of \$275 per spot for Polo events. Mayor Florek noted Polo is not a budget item. Ms. Mann stated all should pay for use of parks.

Mr. Ed Piotrowski, a resident questioned the Township's portion of the Freehold Regional School District budget. Mayor Florek noted the Township has been trying for years to get this formula changed. At present, the Township cannot afford another lawsuit challenge the formula.

Mr. Raskin, a resident, commented with the weakened economy and unemployment, crime increases and spreads. Mr. Raskin stated we need to keep Police staffing levels where they are.

Ms. Amend questioned with the Police going to 12-hour shifts last year to control overtime, did the shift change work? Mayor Florek responded it did not work out.

Ms. Mann stated the Township had a part-time Recreation Director for 20+ years and questioned why the Director is now a full-time position. Mayor Florek responded, the former Recreation Director salary was \$59,000, the current Director's salary is \$64,000, and Recreation revenue has increased under the new Director.

Mr. Vince Domidion, a resident, stated he sat through the 2010 Municipal Budget workshops, noting the time expended by the Township Committee to review this year's budget was substantial. Mr. Domidion stated the five Township Committee members worked rigorously to reduce costs, and this is a very fine process. Mr. Domidion stated the Township Committee did a very good job in a very painful time.

Mr. Frank Rizzuto, a resident, stated the people live and remain in Colts Neck because it is an excellent community. Mr. Rizzuto stated when a Police force changes from proactive to reactive, it is not good. Mr. Rizzuto requested the Juvenile Officer be reassigned to head Parks and Recreation and it be placed under the Police Department.

Mr. Pat O'Dwyer, a resident, commented on the proposed elimination of one Police position this year and not back-filling one next year. Mr. O'Dwyer stated when the State Police covered the Township, there were 35 staff for a town one-half the size in population. Mr. O'Dwyer stated he agrees with a proactive stance, and the Township is pointed in the wrong direction.

Mr. Frank Valentino, a resident and member of the First Aid Squad and Fire Department, stated every Police Officer is a first responder. Their training and availability is essential to emergency response calls, not just crimes.

Committeeman Fitzgerald commented those tonight that attended the 2010 municipal budget workshops have seen the process in action. The Municipal budget is 10% of the property tax bill, and there appears to be a misunderstanding on where the property tax money is spent. On April 20th, registered voters will be voting for local and regional school board budgets, which is approximately 60% of the property tax budget. Mr. Fitzgerald stated if anyone thinks the Township Committee wants to lose a Police Officer, that is incorrect. Mr. Fitzgerald encouraged all to attend the municipal budget workshops, where every item is scrutinized including plaques, stamps, etc. Mr. Fitzgerald stated most of the municipal budget expenditure is for Union employee salaries and benefits. By contract, the Police are getting a 4.25% raise, yet the State mandates a 4% cap on taxes; that is the issue.

Mayor Florek stated this is an extremely difficult budget year with the \$500,000 reduction in State Aid.

Ms. Judy Laufer, a resident, stated she attended all municipal budget workshop meetings. Ms. Laufer stated the Township Committee has worked unfailingly to reach the same budget level as in 2005; there is no place left to cut. Ms. Laufer stated an excellent job was done this year.

21. **RESOLUTION 2010-37:** EXECUTIVE SESSION was made read by title by Mayor Florek at 9:05 p.m. Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried by voice vote. Mr. Bowden stated the Township Committee does not anticipate reconvening in public session to take formal action after Executive Session.

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

Motion by Mr. Engel, seconded by Mr. Eastman, and unanimously carried to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene in Public Session.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Florek		X			
Schatzle		X			
Engel	M	X			
Eastman	S	X			
Fitzgerald		X			
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Motion by Mr. Engel, seconded by Mr. Schatzle, and unanimously carried to adjourn meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Robert Bowden
Township Administrator/Municipal Clerk

Attachment