

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 14, 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 Charles (Chuck) Camarata, lifetime resident. The following statement was read by Township Clerk, Mr. Bowden: "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 January 14, 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 Mr. Bowden indicated the following:

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

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

Absent: Committeeman Jarrett Engel

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Meeting of December 17, 2014: Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and carried by Messrs. Orgo, Fitzgerald and Macnow; Mayor Schatzle abstained.

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

- Meeting of January 4, 2015: Mr. Fitzgerald noted on Page 3, Item 9, second paragraph, fourth line, a word is missing between the two words "he" and "one". The word "is" was added. Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, as amended, seconded by Mr. Orgo and carried by Messrs. Schatzle, Orgo and Macnow; Mr. Fitzgerald abstained.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Schatzle		X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo	S	X			
Engel					X
Fitzgerald				X	
Macnow	M	X			
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- 2. ANNOUNCEMENT: LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY – SUPPORT OF COLTS NECK POLICE OFFICERS.** Mayor Schatzle read a memorandum signed by all members of the Township Committee to all Colts Neck Police Officers, which spoke of the risks and challenges facing law enforcement throughout the Country, State and Township of Colts

Neck, and the complete respect and support for law enforcement by the Township Committee. In addition, the Township Committee acknowledged January 9, 2015 as National Law Enforcement Day and reaffirmed their support and thanks to all law enforcement professionals and particularly Colts Neck Police Officers for their constant and invaluable service to the community. Each member of the Township Committee spoke of their support of law enforcement officers, and particularly those within the Township. Mr. Macnow noted he and Mr. Orgo attended the first annual Law Enforcement Day Program held in Neptune High School, during which Chief Sauter and parents, wives and survivors spoke of their experiences. Mr. Macnow stated this was an excellent program that was well attended by Colts Neck Police.

3. **RESOLUTION 2015-19:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 333 AND THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK (2015-2017) was read by title by Mayor Schatzle. Mr. Bowden stated this is a three-year contract (January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017) that includes a 1.5% increase per year for sergeants and top step patrolmen, three additional steps, and an annual uniform inspection. Mr. Bowden stated the PBA negotiation team and Township Labor Attorney, Mr. Plosia, did an excellent job with negotiations, and Mr. Bowden stated he is pleased to recommend approval of this contract. Mayor Schatzle commended Mr. Bowden for the excellent job in negotiating this contract. Mr. Macnow thanked Mr. Bowden and Mr. Plosia. Mr. Fitzgerald stated he is abstaining tonight since the contract for new hires will be harder to honor given the two percent CAP. Mr. Fitzgerald stated under this contract, a 13-year patrol officer would earn \$100,000 per year excluding overtime. Hearing no further comments, Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and carried by Messrs. Schatzle, Orgo and Macnow; Mr. Fitzgerald abstained.

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Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Schatzle			X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo		S	X			
Engel						X
Fitzgerald					X	
Macnow	M		X			
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4. **ORDINANCE 2015-1:** AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE 2015 SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK (POLICE DEPARTMENT) was read by title at first reading by Mayor Schatzle. Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and carried by Messrs. Schatzle, Orgo and Macnow; Mr. Fitzgerald abstained. Mayor Schatzle set the public hearing January 28, 2015.

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Schatzle			X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo		S	X			
Engel						X
Fitzgerald					X	
Macnow	M		X			
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5. **RESOLUTION 2015-20:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FORMAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS, 2014 BUDGET was read by title by Mayor Schatzle. Mayor Schatzle stated this resolution transfers \$2,100 from Snow Removal, Other Expenses, to Telephone, \$600; and Natural Gas, \$1,500, to cover additional expenses. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Schatzle		X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo		X			
Engel					X
Fitzgerald	M	X			
Macnow	S	X			
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6. **MOTION TO ADOPT A CONSENT AGENDA**
7. ***RESOLUTION 2015-21:** RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 AND FINAL CHANGE ORDER FOR FY 2013 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM, IMPROVEMENTS TO LAIRD ROAD (+\$925.12)
8. ***RESOLUTION 2015-22:** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION NO. 715 (TENNIS COURT, 187 HEYERS MILL ROAD)

Mr. Orgo questioned if the Township would be paying the additional amount in Resolution 2015-21 (\$925.12), to which the response was yes. Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

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Deputy Mayor Orgo		X			
Engel					X
Fitzgerald	S	X			
Macnow	M	X			
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9. **DISCUSSION:** ORDINANCE 2014-16, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REVISING CHAPTER 120, FIREARMS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK. Mr. Macnow advised the Local School Board has requested an amendment to the prohibited area; §120-2.d. should be changed from "...closer than 450 feet of any school playground" to "... closer than 450 feet of the property line". An additional revision including a statement indicating no discharge on municipal property is permitted, would avoid the need to view the map referenced in §120-1.A. for Township property. Mr. Orgo stated no hunting signs are being placed on Township property. Having a consensus on the two proposed revisions, Mr. Bowden stated an ordinance will be placed on the next meeting agenda for introduction.
10. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Mr. Bowden stated he has nothing to add to his Administrative Report. Mr. Bowden noted the Monmouth County Park System (MCPS) is planning its 39th Annual E. Murray Todd Half Marathon for Sunday, March 1, 2015 and is seeking approval to include portions of Willowbrook Road, Cross Road, Laird Road and Longbridge

Road, in its race course. As has been done in past years, MCPS plans to coordinate with the Township's Police and First Aid to ensure the safety of race participants and motorists. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried by voice vote.

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Macnow		X			
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Mr. Bowden advised Anita and Emory Dedalis, Drug and Alcohol Alliance Co-Chairs, have resigned, effective February 1, 2015. Mr. Bowden stated the Dedalis's have done an admirable job over the many years they have run this program for the Township. Mayor Schatzle stated he is seeking replacements for this program and would like to formally recognize and thank the Dedalis's at an upcoming Township Committee meeting.

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

Animal Control	\$79.83
Capital Fund	\$17,598.61
Construction Trust	\$9,946.66
Current Fund	\$507,632.14
Grant Fund	\$12,574.84
Trust Fund	\$6,106.03
TOTAL:	<u>\$553,938.11</u>

A question arose regarding the correct account being charged for the vendor IACP (Page 3). Mr. Bowden will research and ensure the correct account is charged. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried. Mr. Orgo abstained from approving payments to Pine Tree Landscaping* and Mr. Macnow abstained from approving payment to Sakoutis Brothers Disposal**.

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

Mr. Fitzgerald apologized for missing the Township Committee's 2015 reorganization meeting.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported he attended the Shade Tree Commission meeting, in his Liaison capacity. Mr. Fitzgerald suggested that issues requiring professional assistance be placed on one meeting agenda to be attended by the Township's landscape architect. The Shade Tree Commission is in the process of developing a mission statement defining who they are and what they do. Mr. Bowden suggested they refer to the ordinance establishing the Shade Tree Commission.

Mr. Macnow reported Fire Chief Michael Burke has spent a significant amount of time working with the ISO representative, which has resulted in a one-point increase for the Township's ISO rating. Mr. Macnow commended Chief Burke for undertaking this initiative. Mr. Fitzgerald noted an ISO rating normally has minimal impact in municipalities with fire hydrants; however, in Colts Neck, the rating has significant impact. Mayor Schatzle stated the Township would be issuing a press release on the new ISO rating, which may reduce homeowners' insurance premiums.

Mr. Orgo reported the Colts Neck Business Association met today and discussed their annual luncheon scheduled for March 10 at Trump National Golf Club at Colts Neck.

Mr. Orgo reported the Planning Board met last evening and discussed plans presented by Manor Homes for the Westminster property near the High School. At present, 48 townhouses are planned for the site that is currently vacant land. This group will return to the Planning Board for further discussion in March.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated the Westminster project dates back to 2002 and the original builders remedy included 120 units, which has been reduced to the current 48 units. Mr. Fitzgerald stated there are 40 acres; however, only 18 acres are buildable.

Mr. Orgo reported there was an issue with hunters recently, which involved the State's Fish and Game officers. The individuals involved were also cited two years ago, and Colts Neck will be off limits for hunting for these individuals. Mr. Orgo stated he is planning a Wildlife Committee Meeting in the near future.

Mayor Schatzle stated the Board of Health has discussed the Westminster project and will continue to do so.

Mayor Schatzle reported the Board of Health has developed a five-year program to maintain the Township's buildings, which will be budgeted for in 2015.

Mayor Schatzle reported the annual rabies clinic will be held Saturday, January 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Fire House No. 2, Conover Road.

Mayor Schatzle reported he attended a school safety meeting with the Colts Neck Board of Education, and noted Dr. Kim Raymond is present this evening.

Mayor Schatzle reported the Historical Preservation Committee hosted a very successful Christmas event at the Montrose Road Schoolhouse. Mr. Macnow noted the Historical Preservation Committee did a great job, the event was well attended, and the new perimeter fence looks good.

Mayor Schatzle noted the Department of Public Works (DPW) is well stocked with salt to address the next few months of winter weather, and DPW has salted the roads several times this season.

Mayor Schatzle reported the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met several times. All residents are urged to sign up for the Swift 911 Emergency Notification System (on-line sign up is on the Township's website, www.colts-neck.nj.us see "Online Services").

Mayor Schatzle reported in 2014, the First Aid Squad responded to approximately 700 calls and the Fire Department responded to approximately 300 calls.

Mayor Schatzle stated the Martin Luther King Volunteer Day for the Nation will be observed in Union Beach. Volunteers are urged to look on the Township's website home page for particulars, which takes place January 19, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr. Fitzgerald noted Middletown is receiving two flat bed trucks from surplus and asked how the Township can also receive surplus equipment. Mayor Schatzle noted he is working on having additional Township employees designated as reviewers for surplus equipment.

Mr. Fitzgerald noted he is the Student Government Day Liaison this year. Due to budget reductions, this program has been inactive for years; however, this year the 2015 budget request includes funding for this program. In addition, Mr. Macnow plans to meet with the Mayors of the FRHSD sending municipalities to discuss a new program.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

Mr. Jeffrey Sauter, a resident, read his letter to the Mayor dated December 20, 2014, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

Mr. Chuck Camarata suggested the Township host a Police Department open house to acquaint residents with the Township's Police Department. Mr. Camarata questioned the appointment of a Planning Board designee (Class I) this year. Mr. Camarata was advised the Mayor is authorized to appoint a designee to the Planning Board Class I position. Mr. Camarata questioned who is the Deputy Attorney, to which Counsel Bennett advised that per contract, any member of his firm may act as Township Counsel. Mr. Camarata spoke of meeting with Mr. Laird, the Township's Tax Assessor. Mr. Camarata asked if the Township has a current credit rating. Counsel Bennett advised that each time the Township has a bond issue, it receives a credit rating. Mr. Camarata was urged to speak with Mr. Antonides when he is in the Town Hall area.

Dr. Kim Raymond, a resident, spoke of the greenways buffers being destroyed by invasive vines and asked about the maintenance of her easement. Mr. Orgo suggested she meet with Mr. Anfuso to ascertain the type of easement she has and the restrictions on that easement. Mr. Orgo noted deer have devastated much of the greenways.

Mr. Vince Domidion, resident and Chair of Monmouth County Planning, noted invasive species have overtaken trees. Mr. Domidion noted there is no way a municipality can afford to clear out the invasives, noting the greenways are suffering from a combination of invasive species and deer.

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

- 14. RESOLUTION 2015-23: 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 it was not anticipated the Township Committee would return in Open Session this evening.**

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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 8:27 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Macnow, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried to adjourn Closed Session.

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Mayor Schatzle		X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo		X			
Engel					X
Fitzgerald	S	X			
Macnow	M	X			
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Motion by Mr. Macnow, 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 Schatzle		X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo		X			
Engel					X
Fitzgerald	S	X			
Macnow	M	X			
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Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.


 Robert Bowden, Administrator/Municipal Clerk