

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 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 Township resident Michael Viola. 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 February 11, 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 Jarrett Engel, Michael Fitzgerald and Russell Macnow

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

Absent: None

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2015. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel and carried by Messrs. Schatzle, Orgo, Engel and Fitzgerald; Mr. Macnow abstained.

<b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>						
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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2. **PRESENTATION:** ENERGY AGGREGTION PROGRAM UPDATE.  
Mr. Robert Chilton of Gabel Associates provided an update noting the energy aggregation contract was awarded late last year to ConEd Solutions. A letter was sent to JCP&L customers advising them of the switch from electricity provider JCP&L to ConEd Solutions unless the customer sent a notification opting out. Mr. Chilton advised approximately five percent of households opted out, which is typical. The March meter reading will be under the Energy Aggregation Program with ConEd Solutions appearing on the April billing statement. Mr. Chilton advised this is a 21 month contract, ending December 2016 and customers may opt out without penalty at any point during the contract period. Mayor Schatzle noted energy prices have changed since last year. Mr. Chilton stated if the bidding was done today, it may have resulted in a lower price; however, it is difficult to time the market fluctuations. Mr. Chilton stated he is still pleased with the contract price, which should result in an approximate ten percent savings to customers. Mayor Schatzle thanked Mr. Fitzgerald for the hours he devoted to the Energy Aggregation Program and for seeing it through to completion.

3. **ORDINANCE 2015-2:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REVISING CHAPTER 120, FIREARMS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK was read by title at second reading by Mayor Schatzle. This ordinance includes two revisions; one being the addition of a sentence “No person shall discharge a gun, weapon or any firearm on any property owned by the Township of Colts Neck”, and the second changing the wording from: “. . . No firearm, including a nocked arrow, may be closer than 450 feet of any school playground” to “. . . 450 feet of any school property line.” Hearing no comments from the Governing Body, Mayor Schatzle opened the public hearing. Hearing no comment, Mayor Schatzle closed the public hearing asking for a motion. 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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4. **RESOLUTION 2015-30:** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO COLTS NECK BOARD OF HEALTH, MR. BRIAN WILLIAMS. Mayor Schatzle requested this resolution be tabled tonight and placed on the next meeting agenda since Mr. Williams requires approval from his employer to volunteer as a member of the Board of Health prior to appointment.

5. **RESOLUTION 2015-30A:** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT FROM THE COLTS NECK HISTORICAL SOCIETY was read by title by Mayor Schatzle. Mayor Schatzle advised the Colts Neck Historical Society Board of Trustees is seeking to dissolve this group as they have stopped meeting and members have moved out of Town. This resolution would permit the Township to accept the assets (approximately \$53,000) to be utilized for the express purpose of furthering Historic Preservation within the Township. The funds would be placed in a trust account, and all expenditures would be made in accordance with a Trust Agreement, with expenditures made in consultation and recommendation of the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee and approved by the Colts Neck Township Committee. This resolution authorizes the Mayor and Clerk of the Township as well as the Officers of the Colts Neck Historical Society to execute the Trust Agreement, which will remain in full force and effect as long as any monies from this source remain in the Trust. Mayor Schatzle stated this is a wonderful thing and he thanked John Nimola, Louise Whitney and Shirley Miller, Board of Trustees for the Historical Society. Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Schatzle			X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo			X			
Engel	M		X			
Fitzgerald		S	X			
Macnow			X			
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6. **RESOLUTION 2015-31:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FORMAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS, 2014 BUDGET was read by title by Mayor Schatzle. Mayor Schatzle stated this resolution transfers \$10,000 from Social Security System to Police Department, Other Expenses, to cover additional expenses. 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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7. **RESOLUTION 2015-32:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECREATION PROGRAM REFUND (\$195.00) was read by title by Mayor Schatzle. 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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8. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Mr. Bowden stated he has nothing to add to his Administrative Report. Mr. Bowden stated the Colts Neck Lions Club is requesting permission to serve beer at an event planned at the Community Center in Bucks Mill Park on April 13, 2015. Mr. Bowden stated if approved, the Lions Club would obtain a Social Affairs Permit from the State and provide the Township with the required Certificate of Insurance. Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried by voice vote.

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

Animal Control	\$507.03
Capital Fund	\$9,819.79
Construction Trust	\$9,431.40
Current Fund	\$5,065,646.07
Grant Fund	\$8,844.68
Trust Fund	\$11,030.10
TOTAL:	<u>\$5,105,279.07</u>

Mr. Fitzgerald questioned the payment to Watchung Water on noting the line item description as a delivery fee of \$4.99. Mr. Bowden will research. Mr. Fitzgerald also questioned the purpose of payment to the National Safety Council for professional memberships in the amount of \$395. Discussion ensued, and Mayor Schatzle advised this is required for Police Officer training. Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried. Mr. Orgo abstained from approving payment to Pine Tree Landscaping.\* Mr. Macnow abstained from approving payment to Sakoutis Brothers Disposal.\*\* Mr. Fitzgerald requested Mr. Bowden check to see about a shared services agreement with the County for the towing of DPW vehicles. Mayor Schatzle requested Mr. Bowden schedule a meeting with the County to discuss this issue.

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

Mr. Engel had no report this evening.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported Energy Aggregation had been discussed earlier this evening.

Mr. Fitzgerald noted there was no Planning Board meeting this month, but he did report wells were being test drilled on the Westminster property after 9:00 p.m. one evening. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported he attended a Sports Foundation meeting, and he is pleased to see new volunteers. Mr. Fitzgerald spoke of the requirements for coaches. Mr. Fitzgerald noted representatives of the football organization (American Youth Football) were at the Sports Foundation meeting, and it was good to see them working together.

Mr. Macnow complimented Chief Sauter and the Police Department, noting a 25 percent drop off in Class A crimes from 2013 to 2014 and a 31 percent decrease from 2011 to 2014. Mr. Macnow stated the Police Department is doing a great job.

Mr. Macnow reported he attended the last Colts Neck Board of Education meeting. Mr. Macnow complemented the Board and Superintendent for their oversight in the education of the children in this school district. Mr. Macnow stated the challenges faced are standardized testing and the declining student population. Mr. Macnow reported Dr. Kim Raymond is the new Board President and Ms. Irene Sessa is the Vice-President. Dr. Oberkehr will be leaving the end of the school year. Mayor Schatzle noted the special relationship the Township Committee has with Dr. Oberkehr, noting his participation at the daily planning meetings during Superstorm Sandy.

Mr. Orgo reported the Colts Neck Business Association will be having a meeting at Trump National on March 10.

Mr. Orgo reported the Farmland Preservation Committee and Planning Board did not meet this month.

Mayor Schatzle reported the Colts Neck Fair is being talked about and they are looking to have a great anniversary Fair this year. Mayor Schatzle stated he is looking forward to receiving additional information from Fair Liaison Engel as the Fair planning progresses and noted the Fair is seeking volunteers.

#### 11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

Ms. Judy Laufer, a resident, stated she received a call from JCP&L warning of the upcoming storm; however the caller ID showed "private caller". Mayor Schatzle stated the JCP&L contact will be asked what can be done to alter the caller id on the JCP&L notification calls. Mr. Fitzgerald stated if you don't pick up the phone, the message will be left on voice mail. Ms. Laufer expressed concerns about calls placed to senior residents during which the caller requests a social security number, which was discussed during the Senior Citizen Club monthly meeting.

Mr. Chuck Camarata, a resident, questioned the incremental cost each year for the recently approved Police contract. Mr. Camarata was requested to speak with Mr. Antonides for the dollar figures he is seeking.

Mr. Michael Viola, a resident, stated he was pleased to have a representative of Gabel Associates here tonight to discuss the Energy Aggregation Program, and he suggested a follow-up presentation during a fall meeting. Mr. Fitzgerald commented the Township has a contract clause that if the JCP&L rate drops below the tariff rate, the Township can opt out of the program at any time.

Ms. Diana Piotrowski, a resident, commended DPW staff for piling snow at Route 34 and Laird Road and making a natural snow fence, which stopped the snow blowing onto the roadway near the Smith field.

Mr. Jeff Sauter, a resident, stated he wanted to re-read his letter of January 27, 2015 since Committeemen Engel and Macnow were not at that meeting; however, he then read from a prepared statement concerning the conduct of meetings during the public comment portion of past Township Committee meetings, which he then retained.

Mayor Schatzle reported prior to this evening's meeting, he met with the Cub Scouts at Town Hall as part of their earning a Citizens Badge. During their meeting, they discussed Federal, State and local government, and some of the history of the Township. Mayor Schatzle then asked for ideas from the Scouts, which are as follows:

- No homework on Fridays;
- Build a quad park; and
- They want to be able to rent or have available fishing poles at Bucks Mill Park.

Mayor Schatzle thanked the Township Committee for their support when he was going through his medical issues on December 17, 2014 and was unable to attend the Township Committee meeting that evening.

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

12. **RESOLUTION 2015-33:** EXECUTIVE SESSION was read by title by Mayor Schatzle. Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried by voice vote. Mr. Bowden 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	S	X			
Engel	M	X			
Fitzgerald		X			
Macnow		X			
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The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Committeeman Engel left the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

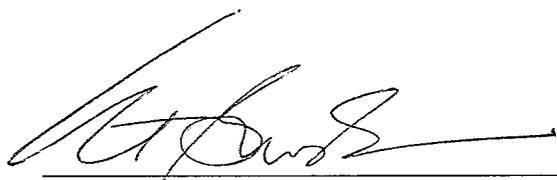
Motion by Mr. Orgo, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried to adjourn Closed session.

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

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Engel					X
Fitzgerald		X			
Macnow	S	X			
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Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



Robert Bowden, Administrator/Municipal Clerk