TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
7:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL

The Special Meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Macnow followed by a salute to the flag. The following statement was read by Clerk Kara: "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by forwarding a Notice of Public Hearing to the News Transcript and the Asbury Park Press on August 23, 2017 stating that a Special Meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held September 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm, 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 Ms. Kara indicated the following:

Present: Mayor Russell Macnow, Deputy Mayor J.P. Bartolomeo, Committeemen Edward Eastman, Jr.; Thomas Orgo and Frank Rizzuto

Also Present: Municipal Clerk Beth Kara and Township Counsel Meghan Bennett Clark, Esq.

Absent: Kathleen Capristo, Township Administrator/Deputy Clerk

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1. APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH FOR OPEN SPACE GRANT TRUST FUNDS

Mayor Macnow provided an overview of the Monmouth County Open Space Trust Fund Grant noting that grant funds are made available for Monmouth County municipalities by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the purpose of land acquisitions and enhancements to existing recreational parks. The grant provides matching funds (50%) up to $250,000 for eligible projects. In 2016, the Township received an Open Space Grant of $94,000 to help fund the cost of the Core Site walking path, which will be completed this fall or next spring.

Mayor Macnow advised this year the Township is seeking to acquire a six-acre parcel located between two sections of Five Point Park, joining the two sections of the park and bringing the total park space to just over 32 acres. The acquisition will provide much needed additional parking to accommodate the use of the ball fields, children's playground and walking path and allow for the connection of two existing loop trails. The appraised value of this property is $690,000.

Hearing no comments from the Township Committee, Mayor Macnow called for a motion to open the public hearing. Mr. Orgo made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Bartolomeo and unanimously carried by voice vote.

Mr. Michael Viola, resident, questioned the cycle from the point of application. Ms. Stephanie McAlary, T&M Associates, responded the grant application is due September 20, 2017, the projects selected for funding by the Freeholders would be announced in December 2017, and the municipality has six months to execute a grant agreement with the County.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Mayor Macnow called for a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Orgo made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Bartolomeo and unanimously carried.

2. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Mayor Macnow called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Mr. Bartolomeo, seconded by Mr. Rizzuto unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Beth Kara

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Municipal Clerk