

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
WORKSHOP SESSION NO. 3
FEBRUARY 28, 2017
5:30 P.M. AT TOWN HALL**

The budget workshop meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Macnow followed by a salute to the flag. The following statement was read by Municipal Clerk, Ms. Kara: "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by noticing the News Transcript on January 23, 2017 stating that a budget workshop meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held February 28, 2017 at 5:30 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 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: Administrator/Deputy Clerk Kathleen Capristo and Municipal Clerk Beth Kara

Absent: None

1. **REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGETS:** Administrator Capristo facilitated discussion on the following budgets presented:

- POLICE DEPARTMENT (Kevin Sauter)
- POLICE – DISPATCHING (Kevin Sauter)
- POLICE – CAPITAL (Kevin Sauter)
- PUBLIC WORKS (Lou Bader)
- SNOW REMOVAL (Lou Bader)
- PUBLIC WORKS – CAPITAL (Lou Bader)
- FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE (Kathleen Capristo)
- FINANCE AND TAX (John Antonides)
- DEFERRED CHARGES (John Antonides)
- DEBT SERVICE (John Antonides)
- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (John Antonides)
- CAPITAL (Township Committee)
- LEGAL SERVICES (Township Committee)
- FINALIZE BUDGET (Township Committee)

Mayor Macnow is requesting the tax increase be kept to under one cent.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mayor Macnow opened the meeting to public comment.

Ms. Elaine Mann commented the budget includes one State and one County grant to the Township and suggested a citizens group be formed to look into available grants for Township applications. Ms. Mann questioned if there was an incident with a resident and the Architectural Review Committee. Mayor Macnow responded in the affirmative and noted he did speak with the resident and the Chair reached out to the resident as well.

Mr. David Mann suggested using the donation for the turf field to purchase bottles for the Fire Department. Mayor Macnow stated the donation cannot be used for any purpose other than the turf field. Mr. Mann questioned why money is being expended to repair the Police building, to which Mayor Macnow advised the building will be repurposed in the future. Mr. Mann questioned why the cupola at Town Hall was not repaired when the roof was replaced. Mr. Bartolomeo advised there was not enough money set aside for both projects and there will be bigger planning in the future. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Macnow closed the meeting to public comment and asked for a motion to adjourn.

3. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion by Mr. Bartolomeo, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried by voice vote to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Beth Kara, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk