

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2012  
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 Engel followed by a salute to the flag. The following statement was read by Township Clerk Bowden: "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law has been satisfied by forwarding a News Release to the Asbury Park Press on December 14, 2011, stating the meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held March 28, 2012 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 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 Jarrett Engel; Deputy Mayor Michael Fitzgerald; Committeemen Russell Macnow, James Schatzle and Thomas Orgo

Also Present: Administrator/Municipal Clerk Robert Bowden, Deputy Municipal Clerk Beth Kara, and Township Counsel Chris Ackerman, Esq.

Absent: None

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2012:** Mr. Orgo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried.

| <b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>   |   |   |     |    |    |    |
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| Deputy Mayor Fitzgerald   |   |   | X   |    |    |    |
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| Schatzle  |   |   | X   |    |    |    |
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- 2. ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mayor Engel announced the April 11<sup>th</sup> Township Committee meeting has been cancelled and rescheduled for Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.
- 3. PREPARED STATEMENT:** STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL OF TRUMP NATIONAL GOLF CLUB HELISTOP. Mayor Engel read a prepared statement, a copy of which is appended, in which he stated the Township Committee has now reviewed the State approval and has authorized Special Counsel, Michael Steib, Esq., to appeal this approval. In closing, Mayor Engel stated this application should never have been approved and must be appealed and reversed.

Mr. Macnow recused himself from the following discussion and left the building.

- 4. PRESENTATION:** EASEMENT VACATION: 89 STONE HILL ROAD, BLOCK 44.01, LOT 9.10. Mr. A. J. Garito, representing the owners, addressed the Governing Body, noting there is a conservation easement bisecting the rear yard that was created with the subdivision. The owner purchased the property in 2004 and is seeking to install a pool, noting the only location for the pool is at the site of the existing well. Based on a New Jersey DEP field inspection of the wetlands line, DEP has verbally advised they would approve a partial abandonment of the easement based on a new wetlands delineation pending

receipt of a Letter of Interpretation application. Mr. Orgo questioned when the DEP performed the site inspection, to which Mr. Garito replied approximately two to three months ago, and Mr. Garito stated the original conservation easement was delineated before the subdivision was done. Mr. Garito stated sometimes wetlands change and in order for the State to approve a reduction in wetlands of 7,000 square feet, the Township Committee would have to remove the conservation easement within this property. Mr. Garito noted that most of the back yard is cleared grass. Mr. Orgo commented the easement was to be fenced and without fencing, property owners think they own more than they actually do. Discussion ensued. Mr. Schatzle stated the property owner is paying taxes on 1.6 acres; Mr. Orgo noted the conservation easement is .5 acres. Mr. Schatzle noted with all the professional reviews needed to close on a property, he does not grasp how this continues to happen, and stated this is a bigger problem within the Township that is being discussed tonight. Mr. Garito stated the DEP has not cited any violations, noting there are times when the property development is done and changes occur. Mr. Orgo stated he wants to speak with Mr. Anfusio to see when this was perfected. Mr. Fitzgerald questioned if this situation occurred recently at another location within this development, to which Mr. Bowden replied in the affirmative. Mr. Vince Domidion stated he walked this site before it was developed, and there was very little woodland vegetation. Mr. Domidion stated the soil is sandy with a very high seasonal water table, and whatever disturbance occurred did not wipe out a forest. Mr. Schatzle made a motion granting conditional approval, subject to the NJ DEP Letter of Interpretation approval, seconded by Mr. Orgo and carried by Messrs. Engel, Fitzgerald, Schatzle and Orgo; Mr. Macnow was absent.

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Mr. Macnow returned to the building and the meeting resumed.

5. **ORDINANCE 2012-5:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 102 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK ENTITLED, "DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS" was read by title at second reading by Mayor Engel. Mr. Bowden stated this ordinance reflects four changes, which are as follows: (1) Clarifies when an application for development is deemed complete for review; (2) Clarifies and defines the term "change of use" in relation to site plan approval for interior building alterations as a movement to any activity that can be classified as a lower category on the following: single family residential; two family residential; multi-family residential; business, office, professional office or retail; medical office; industrial; (3) Clarifies the procedure of performing a zoning review on an application for a building permit; and (4) Updates the completeness checklist to include all items and procedures currently required but not specified by ordinance.

Hearing no comment from the Governing Body, Mayor Engel opened the meeting to public comment.

Mr. Vince Domidion stated this is a very good ordinance and most appropriate. Mr. Domidion concurs with its adoption.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Engel closed the meeting. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried.

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6. **ORDINANCE 2012-6:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 102 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK ENTITLED, "DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS", TO ESTABLISH NEW SECTION 71.1, "SITE INVESTIGATION AND SOIL SAMPLING" was read by title at second reading by Mayor Engel. The major requirements of the ordinance include soil sampling for residential developments with three or more lots (commercial developments and minor subdivisions exempt), evenly dispersed soil samples except for areas containing freshwater wetlands or floodplains, a survey for underground drums and tanks must be performed, all samples must be tested for all contaminants contained in the NJDEP Soil Cleanup Criteria, contamination exceeding established NJDEP levels require a remediation plan and complete remediation must be accomplished before the start of development, and the developer may choose to perform a Phase I Environmental Assessment as an alternative to soil sampling. Mr. Orgo stated this ordinance was discussed extensively by Long Range Planning and the Township Planner and provides for soil testing before development. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Engel opened the meeting to public comment.

Mr. Fulton Wilcox, a resident, questioned the cost estimates for enforcement. Mr. Macnow responded noting costs estimated costs are relatively small (approximately \$1,500), versus the potential health impact of not doing the sampling, and stated this is a reasonable amount of testing. Mr. Fitzgerald noted the single family dwelling would not be affected; this would involve development of three or more residential lots. Mr. Orgo stated soil sampling is done by most communities. Mr. Macnow stated this ordinance strikes a good balance between cost and the impact to the public.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Engel closed the meeting. Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

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7. **ORDINANCE 2012-7:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 41, MISCELLANEOUS FEES was read by title at second reading by Mayor Engel. Mr. Bowden stated this ordinance provides discretion to the Township Administrator in setting per day permit fees for filming, as requested by the Governing Body. Mr. Orgo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

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8. **RESOLUTION 2012-52:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FORMAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS – 2011 BUDGET was read by title by Mayor Engel. This resolution transfers \$30,000 from the following accounts: Street and Road Maintenance, Other Expenses (\$8,500); Shade Tree Commission, Other Expenses (\$3,000); Public Health Services, Salaries and Wages, (\$4,000); Public Health Services, Other Expenses (\$4,000); Animal Control Services, Other Expenses (\$4,500); and Recreation Services and Programs, Salaries and Wages (\$6,000) to the following accounts: Employee Group Health (\$21,500) and Recycling, Other Expenses (\$8,500) to cover additional expenses. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried.

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9. **RESOLUTION 2012-53:** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TOWNSHIP OF MARLBORO FOR USE OF MARLBORO SWIM CLUB was read by title by Mayor Engel. Mr. Fitzgerald stated this is a good opportunity for residents to benefit from a shared services agreement, which provides a small membership discount to Colts Neck residents and requires no recommendations for membership from existing members. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried.

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| Deputy Mayor Fitzgerald   | M |   | X   |    |    |    |
| Macnow  |   | S | X   |    |    |    |
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10. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Mr. Bowden had nothing further to add to his Administrative Report. Mr. Bowden noted the Central New Jersey Mensa group will be having their annual picnic at Bucks Mill Park and is seeking approval from the Township Committee to serve beer and wine at this event. Mr. Bowden noted all required paperwork has been submitted, including the certificate of insurance. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo, and carried unanimously by voice vote.

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11. **MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS:** Mr. Fitzgerald reviewed the vouchers and noted there is one addition to the bills list for approval this evening, Purchase Order No. 12-00455, payable to WB Mason Co., Inc. in the amount of \$11,522.86 for replacement furniture and furnishings for the lower floor offices at Town Hall. Mr. Fitzgerald stated he recommends approval as follows:

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|---------------------|--------------|
| Animal Control      | \$82.78      |
| COAH                | 295.00       |
| Construction Trust  | \$11,031.46  |
| Current Fund        | \$288,709.71 |
| Escrow              | \$12,008.09  |
| Grant Fund          | \$11,947.04  |
| Trust Fund          | \$8,649.70   |
| SUB-TOTAL APPROVED: | \$332,732.78 |
| PO #12-00455        | \$11,522.86  |
| TOTAL APPROVED:     | \$344,246.64 |

Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle, and unanimously carried. Mr. Macnow abstained from approving any T&M Associates bills.

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

Mr. Macnow reported he attended the Executive Fire Council meeting this month, during which it was reported lengths of hose were lost while battling a brush fire on Route 18 and a house fire near Route 520. Mr. Macnow advised the Fire Department needs new members and is seeking volunteers from the community. Mr. Macnow stated he will be receiving monthly Fire Department response statistics, which he plans to share at future meetings.

Mr. Macnow reported the Drug and Alcohol Alliance is working with the Police Department and sponsoring a prescription drug take back initiative on April 28, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., at the Court House, during which residents may bring their unwanted and/or expired prescription drugs to be disposed of properly.

Mr. Macnow reported the Daytop Program was held at the Cedar Drive Middle School recently. This program has high school aged children with a history of prior drug usage speak in small groups with younger students about their past experiences. Mr. Macnow stated the program is funded by the Alliance, and the small groups foster meaningful interaction between the participants.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported an applicant appeared before the Architectural Review Committee to discuss plans for an 11,000 sq. ft. ranch with a ten car garage. Mr. Fitzgerald stated the applicant discussed vacating a conservation easement to build this.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported he and Mr. Orgo attended a COAH meeting to discuss what should be done with COAH funds. Several options discussed were rehabilitation options, affordable single family home use, tasteful duplex affordable housing, and providing funds to developers for COAH construction. Mr. Fitzgerald noted if the funds are not used within four years, they could be subject to transfer to the State. Mr. Fitzgerald noted approximately \$79,000 is in that four year category in July. Mr. Fitzgerald noted commended the group of volunteers on the COAH sub-committee.

Mr. Schatzle reported the First Aid Squad held free citizen CPR training this month. In addition, the First Aid Squad is holding a community blood drive today at the First Aid Building.

Mr. Schatzle reported spring clean up will be underway with brush and leaf collections commencing throughout the Township next week. Mr. Schatzle noted collection zones have been adjusted, and residents should refer to the brush and leaf schedule posted on the website or contact Public Works for further information.

Mr. Schatzle reported he participated in the Boys/Guys night out at Cedar Drive School, during which he spoke regarding First Aid.

Mr. Schatzle reported he met with the Tiger Scouts at Town Hall recently. When he questioned what they would like to see in Colts Neck, he was told more trees because the deer are eating them, bicycle trails, a skateboard park, and to have Colts Neck look like it does today.

Mr. Orgo had no report this evening.

Mayor Engel reported he volunteered time to participate in the Mayors' Meals on Wheels Program. Mayor Engel noted this program benefits citizens in Colts Neck, and there is currently a shortage of volunteers to deliver meals within the Township. Mayor Engel urged residents to volunteer their time for this worthwhile program.

Mayor Engel reported he participated in the Boys Night Out Program for eighth grade boys at the Cedar Drive School. This is an Alliance and School program and urges students to act responsibly and do the right thing. Mayor Engel stressed the students should make your own luck.

### **13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

Ms. Virginia Amend, Editor of the Colts Neck Calendar and a resident, stated she was impressed with the shared services agreement adopted tonight and suggested other areas for shared services including merging the Court with Tinton Falls, and merging Police and Public Works with neighboring municipalities. Ms. Amend stated the Clean Communities Program deserves a pat on the back for cleaning up the trash in Town, noting the Lions and High School students recently participated in clean ups on Five Point Road, Phalanx Road and Conover Road.

Mr. Vince Domidion commended the Township Committee on appealing the helistop. Mr. Domidion noted one condition relates to the regular monitoring of vegetative growth of the nearby conservation easement, and the termination of the use of the site if growth creates a safety hazard to helicopter operations. Mr. Domidion stated the Township needs to make sure the monitoring is being reviewed. Mr. Domidion questioned if the COAH sub-committee considered a group home for autistic adults as a possible use, as this would be a public service to the community and might be a beneficial use. Mr. Fitzgerald responded this was considered, noting it is the developer's obligation to arrive at the number of units. Mr. Fitzgerald noted the Township does not have the decision on who runs the group home. Mr. Orgo noted the group home concept is too far off to spend the COAH funds. Mr. Fitzgerald concurred noting funds must be obligated by July. Mr. Domidion noted the entire COAH process is unconstitutional.

Ms. Elaine Mann, a resident questioned if the buffer issue discussed tonight was filed with the DEP. Counsel Ackerman noted the conservation easement was filed with the County. Mr. Bowden suggested Ms. Mann speak further with him. Ms. Mann questioned if the Township brings residents using easements to Court. Ms. Mann questioned a school bus stopping at the Village Inn to pick up students living there. Mr. Bowden stated he will check this further, as no one staying at the Village Inn is legally able to live there more than 30 days.

Mr. Fulton Wilcox, a resident, stated if the easement fence is missing at the property discussed this evening, easement fences will be missing on other properties. Mayor Engel stated the Township will be looking into this situation. Mr. Bowden stated the fence probably was there; however, after 12 years, the split rail fencing utilized to blend in with natural growth rots away, and the Township resources to check are not there. Mr. Fitzgerald noted Mr. Domidion and the Environmental Commission is looking to address this large task and noted Township resources are limited.

Mr. Chuck Camarata, a resident, questioned the intent of the State legislation regarding the time limit on COAH funds. Mr. Fitzgerald responded while he does not know the legislative intent, the result encourages the use of COAH funds or the State will take the funds. Mr. Fitzgerald stated no decisions were made regarding the local use of COAH funds, and he noted rentals were not considered.

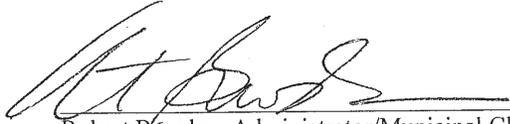
Mr. Wilcox questioned if Fire Company No. 2 received reimbursement. Mr. Macnow responded this is being worked on by the insurance companies.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Engel closed the meeting.

14. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** EXECUTIVE SESSION. Mr. Macnow made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried by voice vote.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Bowden", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Bowden, Administrator/Municipal Clerk

Attachment

## 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

APRIL 17, 2012

MAYOR JARRETT ENGEL

I would like to make a few comments prior to opening the public hearing on the 2012 Budget.

- The total Municipal Budget for 2012 is \$10,367,359. This includes the \$368,186 that will be raised by the dedicated open space tax.
- This represents a total increase of \$56,804 above the 2011 budget (\$10,310,555), again inclusive of the dedicated open space tax.
- The municipal purposes tax will increase .6 (six tenths) of one cent this year from 18.8 cents to 19.4 cents.
- For a home assessed at \$800,000, this represents an increase of \$48 in property taxes for municipal purposes for the year.
- The budget is \$712 under the 2% property tax CAP and \$477,323 under the appropriation CAP.
- \$1,086,000 of surplus funds have been utilized to off-set the budget, leaving \$677,843 for next year or the future. No school tax deferral has been used to offset the budget.
- State Aid remains the same as last year and totals \$1,980,938. While most departments met or exceeded their revenue goals in 2011, interest earnings continue to decline. For 2012, only \$50,000.00 is anticipated to be realized through interest.
- \$5,949,201 will be raised by property taxes to support the budget, an increase of \$163,508 above 2011.
- Major increases to the budget include:
  - gasoline - up \$22,500 from last year - to a total of \$172,500;
  - the repayment of \$145,000 of emergency funds needed for Hurricane Irene; and
  - an increase of \$33,000 in the legal budget due to on-going litigation and legal matters.
- Major decreases to the budget include:
  - debt service – down \$88,075; and
  - snow removal – reduced by \$78,800 from last year.

- The Public Works Department has been restructured to include a combination of replacing retired employees, privatizing janitorial services and utilizing temporary employees at peak seasonal time.
- Recreational plans and facility management will be examined with a goal of developing a Master Plan in the near future.
- Capital expenditures are an exception to the 2% property tax CAP, and funds have been appropriated for the following on a “pay as you go” basis:
  - \$19,500 for a mobile license plate reader for Police Department.
  - \$30,000 for a marked 4WD Police Department vehicle.
  - \$6,100 for a driver’s license identification system for the Police Department.
  - \$25,000 for Police Department mobile radios.
  - \$19,800 for improvements to Bucks Mill and Laird Road Parks.
  - \$20,000 for reserve funds for the future purchase of a fire truck.
  - \$8,900 for computer replacements for all departments.
  - \$15,000 for minor road improvement projects.
- It is important to note that of the total projected tax rate, the Municipal portion of your tax dollar is only 13.14 percent, inclusive of this dedicated open space tax. Local schools utilize 43.37 percent of your taxes, Regional schools 24.87 percent and County government 18.62 percent.
- The Township Committee thanks those residents that attended all or some of the four budget review sessions. Your comments are always welcomed and appreciated.
- I would also like to introduce the Township’s Auditor, Mr. Robert Allison, and Finance Officer, Mr. John Antonides, both of whom are here to answer questions, if needed.
- Unless there are any additional comments from members of the Township Committee, I would now open the public hearing on the 2012 Municipal budget.