

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2014  
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 Macnow followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following statement was read by Township Clerk, Mr. Bowden: "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by forwarding a News Release to the Asbury Park Press on December 12, 2013 stating a regular meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held December 10, 2014, 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 Russell Macnow; Deputy Mayor James Schatzle; Committeemen Thomas Orgo, Jarrett Engel and Michael Fitzgerald

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

Absent: None

1. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** Meeting of November 12, 2014. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel and unanimously carried.

<b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow			X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle			X			
Orgo			X			
Engel		S	X			
Fitzgerald	M		X			
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2. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mayor Macnow announced the final meeting of the Township Committee will be held next Wednesday, December 17, 2014.
  
3. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mr. Robert Bowden, Township Administrator and Municipal Clerk, announced his retirement, effective May 1, 2015, with 37 years of public service. Mr. Bowden stated, "... During my almost 25 years here in Colts Neck, I have served 17 Mayors, presided over some 55 elections and attended some 650 Township Committee meetings, never missing a single meeting." Mr. Bowden received a standing ovation and photographs were taken. The complete announcement made by Mr. Bowden this evening is appended.
  
4. **PUBLIC RECOGNITION:** IN HONOR OF RETIRING TAX ASSESSOR, MR. ELDO MAGNANI. Mr. Bowden spoke of the hiring of Mr. Magnani 18 years ago, noting the Tax Assessor's job is not an easy one. Mr. Bowden commended Mr. Magnani for the professionalism, grace and patience he brought to the workplace, and thanked him.

Mayor Macnow commended Mr. Magnani for doing a difficult job so well. Mayor Macnow noted regardless of the disposition of the request, residents always had something positive to say about Mr. Magnani. Mayor Macnow commended Mr. Magnani's professionalism and presented him with a plaque which reads: "Presented to Eldo Magnani, Jr., in appreciation and gratitude for 18 years of service as the Colts Neck Tax Assessor. Thank you for a job well done. Enjoy your retirement. Presented by the Colts Neck Township Committee, December 2014." Mr. Magnani received a standing ovation.

Mr. Magnani stated during his time in Colts Neck, he met approximately 75 percent of the homeowners and spoke of his belief that the Assessor has the statutory obligation to teach the taxpayers and educate them on how their assessment is being established and gain their confidence, and he believes he has achieved this. Mr. Magnani stated he was always a Tax Assessor that made records available to the public even before required by law, which was part of his success in gaining the taxpayers' confidence. Mr. Magnani stated he loves this town; however, his health is such that he can no longer able to continue as Assessor. Mr. Magnani noted the town will be in good hands with his successor, Mr. Bill Laird, and stated he will return periodically to assist, if needed. Mr. Magnani wished everyone a happy holiday, and he received a standing ovation.

5. **RESOLUTION 2014-130: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF COLTS NECK TAX ASSESSOR, MR. WILLIAM LAIRD**, was read by title by Mayor Macnow. Mayor Macnow stated three rounds of interviews were conducted to fill this position. Mayor Macnow noted Mr. Laird has worked with Mr. Magnani over the last few months to finish all work required by the State and the County on time, at no cost to the Township. Mr. Schatzle stated he was on the search committee and he has gotten to know Mr. Laird and is confident that he will fulfill the duties of the job and made a motion to approve. Mr. Fitzgerald noted he too was on the search committee, and commented that Mr. Schatzle worked many hours to be sure that the selection of a new Assessor was done in a comprehensive and professional manner. Mr. Fitzgerald seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried. Mr. Laird received a round of applause. Mr. Bowden stated Mr. Laird would be starting Monday (December 15, 2014).

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Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow			X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle	M		X			
Orgo			X			
Engel			X			
Fitzgerald		S	X			
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Mr. Schatzle stated it was a pleasure working with Mr. Magnani as a resident and during his eight years on the Township Committee. Mr. Schatzle thanked Mr. Magnani for his service, noting he treated the residents well. Mr. Engel thanked Mr. Magnani for a job well done in responding to the residents, and congratulated Mr. Magnani on his retirement. Mr. Orgo stated he has known Mr. Magnani for many years and he thanked Mr. Magnani for what he has done for Colts Neck. Mr. Fitzgerald stated Mr. Magnani's stepping away and retiring was Mr. Magnani's choice. Mr. Fitzgerald noted the role of the Tax Assessor is changing with the internet, and Monmouth County's pilot program. Mr. Fitzgerald stated Mr. Bowden chose this night to make his announcement months ago, not knowing Mr. Magnani would be making his announcement this evening. Mr. Fitzgerald commented Mr. Bowden let the staff know of his retirement plans prior to this evening's meeting; however, tonight is Eldo's night. Mr. Fitzgerald gave kudos to Mr. Magnani for walking away at the top of his game, recognizing the time to retire was now.

At 7:50 p.m., Mayor Macnow called a brief recess and photographs were taken. Mayor Macnow called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

6. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION:** SUPPORTING THE "DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER" 2014 YEAR END HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN, DECEMBER 5, 2014 THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2015. Mayor Macnow read the Proclamation in full, which supports the campaign and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving. Those present gave a round of applause.
7. **ORDINANCE 2014-20:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 102, DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, was read by title at second reading by Mayor Macnow. Mayor Macnow stated the amendment to the land use ordinance allows 20 percent lot coverage in the A-1 cluster, making it uniform with other zones and exempts residential ponds and recreational courts from site plan review and approval. Hearing no comment from the Township Committee, Mayor Macnow opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Mayor Macnow closed the public hearing. Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle		X			
Orgo		X			
Engel	M	X			
Fitzgerald	S	X			
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8. **RESOLUTION 2014-131:** RESOLUTION APPROVING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP AND THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (2015-2019) was read by title by Mayor Macnow. Mayor Macnow stated this resolution provides an agreement for dispatch services provided by Monmouth County. Mayor Macnow stated the 2015 fee is \$103,296.34. Mr. Schatzle asked Mr. Bowden to check to make sure we are utilizing the Automatic License Plate Recognition System. Mr. Schatzle commented although this is a multi-year agreement, the Township is not locked into the term as there is a 90-day termination clause. Mr. Fitzgerald noted the price of the contract is call driven and based on usage. Mr. Fitzgerald stated the call center is truly state of the art, and this is money well spent. Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

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Deputy Mayor Schatzle	M	X			
Orgo		X			
Engel		X			
Fitzgerald	S	X			
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9. **RESOLUTION 2014-132:** RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE COLTS NECK SHADE TREE COMMISSION EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A LEVEL ONE ARBORETUM AT THE TOWN HALL CORE SITE was read by title by Mayor Macnow. Mr. Orgo stated the Shade Tree Commission would be identifying all trees within the Core Site. Mr. Fitzgerald stated this resolution is part of the requirements to be designated a Level One Arboretum, for which there are no associated costs. Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle		X			
Orgo		X			
Engel	M	X			
Fitzgerald	S	X			
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10. **RESOLUTION 2014-133:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID, USE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES was read by title by Mayor Macnow. Mr. Bowden stated the Township bid to farm two parcels totaling 30 acres: the Smith farm (Laird Road and Route 34) and a property adjacent to the High School (Five Point Road). The minimum bid was set at \$35 per acre, and the contract term was two years (2015 and 2016). Mr. Bowden stated one bid was received at the minimum bid price of \$35 per acre, \$1,050 per year. Mr. Fitzgerald raised the issue of a typo on the Proposal, wherein contract term was shown once as three years. Discussion ensued. With the arithmetic being consistent with two years, Township Counsel advised the typo was not material and the award of bid by Resolution 2014-133 could proceed tonight. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle	S	X			
Orgo		X			
Engel		X			
Fitzgerald	M	X			
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11. **RESOLUTION 2014-134:** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK AND THE COLTS NECK SPORTS FOUNDATION PERTAINING TO PORTABLE OUTDOOR LIGHT TOWERS was read by title by Mayor Macnow. Mayor Macnow stated the Soccer Club purchased portable lighting, which was commandeered by the Township during Superstorm Sandy. This agreement allows the Township to utilize the lighting when deemed necessary, which the Township will maintain. The cost to maintain these lights was deemed minimal by Mr. Thompson, and maintenance funds will be included in the Emergency Management budget. Mayor Macnow stated this is a win for both the Township and the Sports Foundation; Mr. Engel concurred. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle	S	X			
Orgo		X			
Engel		X			
Fitzgerald	M	X			
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12. **RESOLUTION 2014-135:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FORMAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS, 2014 BUDGET, was read by title by Mayor Macnow. Mayor Macnow stated this resolution transfers \$20,000 from Streets and Road Maintenance, Salaries and Wages, to Legal Services, Other Expenses, to cover additional expenses. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle	S	X			
Orgo		X			
Engel		X			
Fitzgerald	M	X			
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13. **RESOLUTION 2014-136:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS, MS. RUTH LEININGER, was read by title by Mayor Macnow. Mr. Bowden advised this is a three-year appointment, with the term expiring May 12, 2016. Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle	M	X			
Orgo		X			
Engel		X			
Fitzgerald	S	X			
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14. **RESOLUTION 2014-137:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS, MS. KELLY MC CORMICK, was read by title by Mayor Macnow. Mr. Bowden advised this is a three-year appointment, with the term expiring May 12, 2016. Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle	M	X			
Orgo		X			
Engel		X			
Fitzgerald	S	X			
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15. **MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:**

**\*RESOLUTION 2014-138:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES, PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION NO. 690B (HUDDY'S)

**\*RESOLUTION 2014-139:** RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 (FINAL), 2013 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II (+\$4,500.00)

**\*RESOLUTION 2014-140:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE, PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION NO. 673 (SPENCER)

Mr. Fitzgerald noted Resolution 2014-139 was approved by the Township Engineer. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

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Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow			X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle		S	X			
Orgo			X			
Engel			X			
Fitzgerald	M		X			
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16. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Mr. Bowden stated he had nothing to add to his report this evening.

17. **MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS:** Mr. Fitzgerald stated he reviewed the vouchers for this evening's meeting. Mr. Fitzgerald noted the detail shown for "Branning Auto Body" (p. 1, Check No 1583), states "purchase of Fire Pumper Truck Co. #2". Mr. Fitzgerald stated that is not an accurate entry, as this was a repair caused by an auto accident to a Fire Company pick-up truck. Mr. Bowden stated after subrogation, the Township should receive the entire amount. Mr. Orgo questioned the difference in prices for Central Jersey Septic pump outs of septic tanks. Mr. Fitzgerald commented the difference results from the size of the tanks. Mr. Orgo questioned the payment to Mid-Atlantic Truck Centre, Inc. (Page 10, Check No. 38671). Mr. Fitzgerald stated he is now requiring the repaired vehicle be identified on the purchase order. Mr. Orgo suggested we might want to have vehicles repaired through the County. Mr. Bowden stated he will provide the detailed information on the repair to Mr. Orgo. Mr. Fitzgerald recommends approval of the following:

Animal Control	\$175.38
Capital Fund	\$65,061.36
Construction Trust	\$18,466.52
Current Fund	\$412,126.61
Escrow	\$826.00
Grant Fund	\$6,671.94
Tax Collectors Trust	\$70,328.42
Trust Fund	<u>\$19,292.17</u>
TOTAL:	\$592,948.40

Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel and unanimously carried. Mayor Macnow abstained from approving all payments to Sakoutis Brothers Disposal Inc.\*.

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

Mr. Orgo reported Shade Tree Commission is scheduled to meet tomorrow evening.

Mr. Orgo reported the Colts Neck Business Association met today. New businesses are opening in Town. The bagel shop in the Orchards Shopping Center has re-opened and a coffee shop, Rook, will be opening in the Orchards Shopping Center soon.

Mr. Orgo reported the Wildlife Committee is continuing to monitor deer-related accidents occurring within Town. There were nine reported accidents last week and deer hunting season opened Monday.

Mr. Orgo reported the Planning Board meeting was cancelled this month.

Mr. Fitzgerald expressed his concern about deer reporting being skewed, noting the number of motor vehicle accidents were recently reported as zero, yet there were deer on the side of the roadways during that period that were involved in some type of incident.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign is being funded by a grant the Township received and the funds will be utilized to put Police Officers on the road for enforcement.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported there was another car theft within the Township last night. The vehicle was in the driveway with the keys. Mayor Macnow urged all residents to lock their cars and take the keys.

Mr. Fitzgerald requested the Township Committee's meeting notice requirements be revised to indicate they are posted on the Township's website.

Mr. Engel reported he attended the Township's tree lighting, and despite the cold, there was a large turnout. Mr. Engel praised Recreation for the phenomenal job, and he recognized all participants, including the band and Emergency Services for their contributions.

Mr. Schatzle reported the passing of Mr. Frank Yates, a Life Member of the First Aid Squad and active resident of the community. Mr. Schatzle stated Mr. Yates will be sorely missed. Mr. Bowden advised the flags around Town Hall were lowered in honor of Mr. Yates. Mayor Macnow stated Mr. Yates and his wife are sorely missed by the Friends of the Library.

Mayor Macnow reported the Friends of the Library annual art show and sale runs through December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Library. Mayor Macnow stated the show is wonderful, there are great local artists on exhibit, and he urged all to attend.

19. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Mr. Jeffrey Sauter, a resident, congratulated Mr. Bowden on his announcement this evening, noting his are big shoes to be filled. Mr. Sauter spoke of his videotaping the Township Committee meetings. Discussion ensued. Mayor Macnow stated by law, Mr. Sauter or any member of the public has the right to videotape meetings as long as it doesn't interfere with the meeting.

Ms. Virginia Amend, a resident and Editor of the Colts Neck Journal, discussed the farming of the Township property for which the bid award was approved this evening. Ms. Amend questioned if the snow plow contract would be bid this year. Mr. Bowden responded we are in the second year of a two year contract, with an additional one-year option. Mr. Bowden stated the contract was originally bid and one bidder responded with too high a price. The contract was re-bid, and the same bidder responded with a price that was again thought to be too high. In accordance with State procurement law, the contract was then negotiated, which reduced the price. Mr. Bowden stated this was disclosed at great length during Township Committee meetings last year, during which time Mr. Orgo recused himself and left the room. Mayor Macnow stated only one company bid for snow removal, and if there was no bidder, the Township has insufficient equipment and staff to plow the entire 32 square mile town quickly. Mayor Macnow stated a second company picked up a bid package, but did not bid.

Mr. Vince Domidion, a resident and Chair of the Monmouth County Planning Board, stated this night shows we are a community not just a municipality. Mr. Domidion noted Eldo retirement, Bob's announced retirement, and the passing of Frank Yates; all people that greatly contributed to the Township over many years. Mr. Domidion stated Eldo has always done his work with empathy and understanding, and made people feel he understood their concerns. Mr. Domidion noted he may be at the Board of Education meeting next week and not present at the Township Committee meeting and thanked the Township Committee for their stewardship.

Mr. Chuck Camarata, a resident, questioned the auto thefts last year. Mr. Engel responded noting there is nothing abnormal, but we must remain vigilant and lock cars and take the keys. Mayor Macnow noted auto theft rings circulate, then are caught, and new rings will take their place. Mayor Macnow noted there were several thefts within a concentrated period; however, overall, the numbers are low. Mr. Orgo explained how vehicles with push button starts can be started by scanners.

Mr. Michael Viola, a resident, congratulated Mr. Bowden on his announced retirement. Mr. Viola questioned the status of the resurfacing of Route 34. Mr. Bowden responded thanks to Sen. Beck, he was able to meet with NJDOT Commissioner Fox for 15 minutes to discuss the Town's roadway concerns. Commissioner Fox advised Mr. Bowden the funds originally earmarked for the Route 34 resurfacing had been re-allocated to the restoration of Route 35 in Seaside and Mantoloking, the surface of which was destroyed during Superstorm Sandy. Mayor Macnow commented the State quickly responded to an emergency repair and restored the bridge and road surface of Route 34 near Conover Road North. Mr. Fitzgerald noted Route 34 was paved over concrete and until the concrete is milled out and the entire surface repaved, this situation will continue. Mr. Bowden stated Senator Beck and this Township Committee will continue to stress the importance of the Route 34 road resurfacing.

Mr. Fitzgerald noted the Route 34 and CR 537 intersection is the most travelled in the County. The State plan calls for Route 34 to be divided by a Jersey barrier and utilize a parallel running reliever road to access the business districts. The DOT plan is to move traffic through Town, not enhance access to businesses.

20. **RESOLUTION 2014-141:** EXECUTIVE SESSION. Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried by voice vote. Mayor Macnow stated the Township Committee is not expected to return in open session this evening.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Orgo, seconded by Mr. Engel and unanimously carried to adjourn Closed Session.

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow			X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle			X			
Orgo	M		X			
Engel		S	X			
Fitzgerald			X			
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Motion by Mr. Orgo, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried to reconvene in public session and adjourn meeting.

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow			X			
Deputy Mayor Schatzle			X			
Orgo	M		X			
Engel			X			
Fitzgerald		S	X			
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The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.



Robert Bowden, Administrator/Municipal Clerk

Attachment

ROBERT BOWDEN  
TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR/MUNICIPAL CLERK

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT  
DECEMBER 10, 2014

I was hired by the Township of Colts Neck in May 1990, after having served as the Township Administrator in Byram Township in Sussex County (1978-1980), Jefferson Township in Morris County (1980-1985) and nearby in Howell Township (1985-1990).

During my almost 25 years here in Colts Neck, I have served 17 Mayors, presided over some 55 elections and attended some 650 Township Committee meetings, never missing a single meeting.

Here in Colts Neck, it has always been my privilege to work for one of the premier communities in all New Jersey, with exceptional elected officials, exceptional employees and the best residents anywhere to be found. For this privilege, I have always been and will always be grateful.

There comes a time in everyone's career, however, to say good-bye, and for me, that time has now arrived. As such, I am announcing my retirement, effective May 1, 2015, bringing to a close a 37-year career of public service, the vast majority of those years right here in Colts Neck.

There are too many thank you's to go around, but thank you to each and every elected official, each and every employee, and most of all, to each and every resident and taxpayer. It is my sincere hope that my job performance has met your expectations.

There is still much to do between now and May 1<sup>st</sup>, and I can assure all residents that the business of the Township will continue in a smooth and professional manner until that time.

Thank you.