

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2011
4:00 P.M. AT COURT HOUSE**

The meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Mayor Forester 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 9, 2010 stating the reorganization meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held on January 2, 2011 at 4:00 p.m., Colts Neck Court House, 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 Kenneth Florek; Deputy Mayor James Schatzle; Committeemen Jarrett Engel, Edward Eastman, Jr., and Michael Fitzgerald.

Also Present: Committeeman-elect Russell Macnow, Administrator/Municipal Clerk Robert Bowden; Deputy Municipal Clerk Beth Kara, and Township Attorney Sen. John O. Bennett, III, Esq.

Absent: None

1. **WELCOME BY MAYOR KENNETH F. FLOREK:** Mayor Florek welcomed all present, including Reverend Scott Brown, Township Committeeman-elect Russell Macnow, Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande, Freeholder Director Lillian Burry, Freeholder John Curley, Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden, and Manalapan Mayor Andrew Lucas.

2. **INVOCATION:** Reverend Brown gave a thought provoking invocation for the elected officials, incoming Mayor Schatzle and those present.

3. **SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COMMITTEEMAN RUSSELL MACNOW:** Assemblywoman Casagrande swore in Mr. Macnow, as his wife, Suzanne, and daughters, Rachel and Lauren, observed. Mr. Macnow was applauded and photographs were taken.

Mr. Macnow thanked all present today, noting Colts Neck is like no other place in the world. Mr. Macnow stated 2011 will be a difficult year, and he is looking forward to working with his fellow Committee members in the years ahead. Mr. Macnow thanked Mayor Florek for his many years of service, noting Mayor Florek has served the Township and its citizens admirably.

4. **OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR – 2011:** Mayor Florek opened nominations for Mayor 2011. Mr. Engel made a motion to nominate Mr. James C. Schatzle for Mayor 2011, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried. Mayor Florek closed the nominations for Mayor 2011.

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| Committeeman | M | S | Yes | No | NV | Ab |
| Mayor Florek | | | | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Schatzle | | | X | | | |
| Engel | M | | X | | | |
| Eastman | | | X | | | |
| Fitzgerald | S | | X | | | |
| Macnow | | | X | | | |
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Freeholder Director Burry swore in Mr. Schatzle as Mayor 2011, as his wife, Susan, held the bible and his sons, Jimmy and Jack, observed. Mayor Florek stepped down and relinquished his chair.

5. **PRESENTATION OF GAVELS:** Former Mayor Florek presented Mayor Schatzle with his gavel. Mayor Schatzle presented former Mayor Florek with his gavel. Mayor Schatzle reflected on Mayor Florek's service on the Township Committee during the past nine years, stating he truly appreciates the great job Mayor Florek has done for the citizens of Colts Neck. Everyone applauded and photographs were taken.
6. **REMARKS OF MAYOR SCHATZLE:** Mayor Schatzle's remarks are appended to these minutes in full.
7. **OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR 2010:** Mayor Schatzle opened nominations for Deputy Mayor 2011. Mr. Schatzle relinquished his gavel and stated it was a privilege to nominate Jarrett R. Engel as Deputy Mayor 2011, seconded by Mr. Eastman and unanimously carried.

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| Committeeman | M | S | Yes | No | NV | Ab |
| Mayor Schatzle | M | | X | | | |
| Engel | | | X | | | |
| Eastman | S | | X | | | |
| Fitzgerald | | | X | | | |
| Macnow | | | X | | | |
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Assemblywoman Casagrande swore in Deputy Mayor Engel, while daughter, Emma, held the bible and wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Charlotte, observed. Everyone applauded and photographs were taken.

8. **PRESENTATIONS TO FORMER MAYOR KENNETH F. FLOREK**
Mayor Schatzle: Mayor Schatzle stated he was proud to present Mayor Florek with an engraved plaque on behalf of the Township Committee in appreciation and gratitude for dedicated service and commitment to the citizens and community of Colts Neck as a member of the Township Committee from 2001 to 2010, Deputy Mayor in 2005 and 2009, and Mayor in 2006 and 2010. Mayor Schatzle thanked Mayor Florek on behalf of the Township Committee and the residents of Colts Neck, and remarked it was a pleasure to serve with him.

Freeholder Director Lillian G. Burry, Monmouth County: Freeholder Director Burry stated it was truly an honor to recognize Mayor Florek's many years of public service noting he left his imprint on the Colts Neck community. Freeholder Burry read the commendation from the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, which proclaims January 2, 2011 as Kenneth F. Florek

Day in the County of Monmouth. Freeholder Director Burry spoke of Mayor Florek's years of public service to the Township and professional credentials as a practicing Attorney and thanked him for his dedication these past years.

Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande: Assemblywoman Casagrande presented Mayor Florek with a Joint Legislative Resolution from Senator Jennifer Beck, Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon, and herself, which was passed by the State Legislature. Assemblywoman Casagrande thanked Mayor Florek for nine years service on the Township Committee. Assemblywoman Casagrande noted Mayor Florek is a very committed attorney and father and took the time to serve the community. Assemblywoman Casagrande reflected on a quote of Mayor Florek's found on the internet: "I believe that Colts Neck is a present example of how good government results in an exemplary community." Assemblywoman Casagrande thanked Mayor Florek for his commitment to the community.

9. **REMARKS BY FORMER MAYOR FLOREK:** Mr. Florek thanked all present today noting it was an honor and privilege to serve. Mr. Florek spoke of the many volunteers within the community that make Colts Neck what it is today. Mr. Florek noted during his service a great deal was accomplished on very limited means. Mr. Florek noted the successes: strengthening zoning regulations, COAH triumphs limiting high density housing in this eco-sensitive community, the conclusion of the long-standing issue resulting in the defeat of privatizing housing at NWS Earle, the saving of open space, improvement of horse trails, and having the most beautiful 9/11 Memorial as part of the Township. Mr. Florek reflected he was fortunate to be part of the Township Committee during these past nine years and stated it was an honor and privilege to serve.

10. **REMARKS BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN CAROLINE CASAGRANDE:** Assemblywoman Casagrande stated the year 2011 is bringing exciting changes, and she congratulated Mr. Russell Macnow on joining the Township Committee in this year of change. Assemblywoman Casagrande spoke of the successful defeat of the Navy's plans to privatize housing at NWS Earle through the combined efforts of many. Assemblywoman Casagrande stated 2011 will be a difficult year, noting some reforms have been adopted; however this isn't a situation that was gotten into overnight, nor will it be resolved overnight. She stated people want government reforms and want more done with less. Assemblywoman Casagrande noted the reforms have just begun, and all will be worth it in the end.

11. **REMARKS BY FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR LILLIAN BURRY:** Freeholder Directory Burry commented Colts Neck is comprised of a collection of outstanding citizens where people truly care. Freeholder Director Burry stated not many towns have a Library or a 9/11 Memorial or a Community Center constructed by community funds, not tax dollars. Freeholder Director Burry noted Colts Neck is true to its roots, with open space and preserved farms. From a County perspective, Colts Neck had a stellar year in which the Navy's plan to privatize NWS Earle housing was defeated through local efforts, the grassroots NOPE movement, the County, and Congressman Chris Smith. The realignment of Routes 537 and 34 will be starting this year and completed within three years, and should result in improved traffic flow. In addition, the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Crine Road, Heulitt Road, and Dutch Lane was approved by the County. The cost of these major improvements within the Township will be borne by the County and State. Freeholder Director Burry stated Mayor Florek has done his time with style and grace, and she stated Mayor Schatzle's strong commitment to volunteerism will aid him in succeeding. Freeholder Director Burry concluded stating she is Colts Neck Township proud.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mayor Schatzle announced the Township Committee Liaison Assignments for 2011, appended hereto.
13. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Schatzle announced the following appointments:

PLANNING BOARD

CLASS I – JAMES C. SCHATZLE (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/11)
 CLASS II – THOMAS E. HENNESSY, JR. (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/11)
 CLASS III – JARRETT R. ENGEL (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/11)
 CLASS IV – THOMAS ORGO (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/14)
 CLASS IV – JOHN ROBINSON (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/14)
 CLASS IV – DAVID KOSTKA (ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMBER) (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)
 ALTERNATE NO. 2 – LISA SINGER-FITZPATRICK (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/12)

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

DONALD BURRY (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/14)
 GEOFF KARCH (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/14)
 ALTERNATE NO. 2 – BRYAN LEWIS (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/12)

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MAYOR APPOINTS DAVID KOSTKA AS CHAIRMAN FOR 2011.

THOMAS E. HENNESSY, JR. (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)
 DAVID KOSTKA (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)
 JENNIFER BARBIERI (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/11)

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

ANITA O'MALLEY (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/12)
 ALTERNATE NO. 1 – STEPHEN MARKS (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)
 ALTERNATE NO. 2 – DR. GORDON BOAK (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/14)

14. **RESOLUTION 2011-1:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF CLASS III PLANNING BOARD MEMBER – DEPUTY MAYOR ENGEL was read in full by Mayor Schatzle. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried.

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| Committeeman | M | S | Yes | No | NV | Ab |
| Mayor Schatzle | | | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | | | X | | | |
| Eastman | | | X | | | |
| Fitzgerald | M | | X | | | |
| Macnow | | S | X | | | |
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15. **RESOLUTION 2011-2** – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONALS was read in full by Mayor Schatzle which are as follows:

- John O. Bennett, III, Esq., Township Attorney;
- John O. Bennett, III, Esq., Township Prosecutor;
- Dilworth Paxson, LLC, Bond Counsel;
- Glenn Gerken, P.E., Township Engineer;
- Robert Allison, Auditor;
- Peter Avakian, P.E., Conflict Engineer;
- Carmine Villani, Esq., Public Defender;

- Matthew Giacobbe, Esq., Labor Counsel;
- Michael Steib, Esq., Special Counsel;
- Visiting Nurse Association, Home Health Services;
- Associated Humane, Animal Control Services;
- Dominic Manco, Esq., Special Counsel, Affordable Housing;
- Julie McGowan, Landscape Architect, Inspection Escrows; and
- Thomas A. Thomas, P.P., Affordable Housing.

Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel and carried by Messrs. Schatzle, Engel, Eastman and Fitzgerald; *Mr. Macnow abstained from Mr. Glenn Gerken's appointment.

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| Committeeman | M | S | Yes | No | NV | Ab |
| Mayor Schatzle | | | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | | S | X | | | |
| Eastman | | | X | | | |
| Fitzgerald | M | | X | | | |
| Macnow | | | X* | | X* | |
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16. **RESOLUTION 2011-3** – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE was read in full by Mayor Schatzle, which are as follows:

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| JOHN JACOBY | (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13) |
| THOMAS MORIN | (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13) |
| PATRICIA POLGAR | (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13) |
| PATRICK GILMORE | (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/11) |

Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Engel and unanimously carried.

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| Committeeman | M | S | Yes | No | NV | Ab |
| Mayor Schatzle | | | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | | S | X | | | |
| Eastman | | | X | | | |
| Fitzgerald | M | | X | | | |
| Macnow | | | X | | | |
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17. **RESOLUTION 2011-4:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE was read in full by Mayor Schatzle, which is as follows:

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| CANDICE A. BURKE | (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13) |
| PAUL WILD | (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13) |

By this resolution, Mayor Schatzle recommends the appointment of Mr. James Valenti as Chair for 2011. Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

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| Mayor Schatzle | | | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | | M | X | | | |
| Eastman | | | X | | | |
| Fitzgerald | | S | X | | | |
| Macnow | | | X | | | |
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18. **RESOLUTION 2011-5:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE was read in full by Mayor Schatzle, which are as follows:

ROBERT HESSLEIN (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)
 BRENDA JOHNSON (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)
 THERESA MORDARSKI (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)

Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried.

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| Mayor Schatzle | | | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | | | X | | | |
| Eastman | | | X | | | |
| Fitzgerald | M | | X | | | |
| Macnow | S | | X | | | |
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19. **RESOLUTION 2011-6:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE was read in full by Mayor Schatzle, which are as follows:

HAROLD KILBRIDE (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)
 LUCY LENNOX (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)
 LAURA KOLNOSKI (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)
 PATRICIA EASTMAN (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)
 MAGGIE OSMULSKI (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)

Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow, and carried by Messrs. Schatzle, Engel, Fitzgerald and Macnow; *Mr. Eastman abstained from the appointment of Ms. Patricia Eastman.

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| Mayor Schatzle | | | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | | | X | | | |
| Eastman | | | X* | | X* | |
| Fitzgerald | M | | X | | | |
| Macnow | S | | X | | | |
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20. **RESOLUTION 2011-7:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH was read in full by Mayor Schatzle, which are as follows:

CYNDY FLOOD (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/14)
 ANNEMARIE DELLE DONNE (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/14)
 DR. KENNETH FAISTL (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/14)
 ELIZABETH IOCONO (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/14)
 ALTERNATE NO. 1 – MICHAEL TORMEY (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/11)
 ALTERNATE NO. 2 – MARILYN BOAK (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/12)

Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

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| Committeeman | M | S | Yes | No | NV | Ab |
| Mayor Schatzle | | | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | M | | X | | | |
| Eastman | | | X | | | |
| Fitzgerald | S | | X | | | |
| Macnow | | | X | | | |
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21. **RESOLUTION 2011-8:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE was read in full by Mayor Schatzle, which is as follows:

CHARLES KARCHER (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)
FRANK LECCESE (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)

Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried.

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| Mayor Schatzle | | | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | | | X | | | |
| Eastman | | | X | | | |
| Fitzgerald | M | | X | | | |
| Macnow | S | | X | | | |
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22. **RESOLUTION 2011-9:** CONFIRMING CO-COORDINATORS TO COLTS NECK DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION ALLIANCE was read in full by Mayor Schatzle, which is as follows:

ANITA DEDALIS (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)
EMORY DEDALIS (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)

Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried.

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| Mayor Schatzle | | | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | | | X | | | |
| Eastman | | | X | | | |
| Fitzgerald | M | | X | | | |
| Macnow | S | | X | | | |
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23. Mayor Schatzle recognized the Colts Neck Volunteer Fire Chief, Michael Romano, and Deputy Fire Chief, Christopher Quincannon.
24. Mayor Schatzle recognized Colts Neck Volunteer First Aid Captain, Frank Valentino.
25. **MOTION TO ADOPT A CONSENT AGENDA:** The following resolutions were read by title by Mayor Schatzle:
26. ***RESOLUTION 2011-10:** CONFIRMING DESIGNATION OF MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORIES.

27. ***RESOLUTION 2011-11** – AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF 2011 TEMPORARY BUDGET.
28. ***RESOLUTION 2011-12**: AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES, PENALTIES AND INTEREST RATES FOR 2011.
29. ***RESOLUTION 2011-13**: AUTHORIZING PRE-PAYMENT OF CERTAIN ITEMS.
30. ***RESOLUTION 2011-14**: AUTHORIZING COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN.
31. ***RESOLUTION 2011-15**: CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE (MR. ROBERT BOWDEN).
32. ***RESOLUTION 2010-16**: CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE OFFICER (MR. ROBERT BOWDEN).
33. ***RESOLUTION 2010-17**: CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF MID-JERSEY JOINT INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER (MR. ROBERT BOWDEN).
34. ***RESOLUTION 2010-18**: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL TOWNSHIP NEWSPAPER (ASBURY PARK PRESS).
35. ***RESOLUTION 2010-19**: APPROVING USE OF ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and unanimously carried.

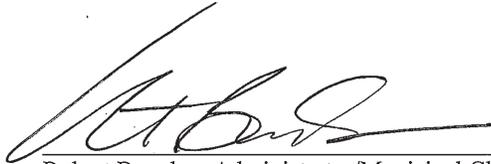
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| Mayor Schatzle | | | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | | | X | | | |
| Eastman | | | X | | | |
| Fitzgerald | M | | X | | | |
| Macnow | S | | X | | | |

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36. **GROUP SWEARING IN**: Mr. Bowden swore in all persons appointed this evening. Photographs were taken, and all received a round of applause.
37. **MAYOR’S CLOSING COMMENTS**: Mayor Schatzle invited all present to attend a light reception he is sponsoring in Fire House No. 2 immediately following this afternoon’s meeting.
38. **ANNOUNCEMENT**: Mayor Schatzle announced the next meeting of the Township Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.
39. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT** was made by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried by voice vote.

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| Committeeman | M | S | Yes | No | NV | Ab |
| Mayor Schatzle | | | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Engel | | | X | | | |
| Eastman | | | X | | | |
| Fitzgerald | M | | X | | | |
| Macnow | S | | X | | | |
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Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



Robert Bowden, Administrator/Municipal Clerk

Attachments

MAYOR JIM SCHATZLE REMARKS – JANUARY 2, 2011

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness... Charles Dickens wrote these words in 1859 in his Novel, "The Tale of Two Cities". These words are easily adaptable to any year. We can look back at the "good old days" when every business space was occupied, unemployment was lower, and balancing the budget was easier than current times. In contrast I am sure that each of us can look back at "worse" times and be thankful that we made it through.

I understand the benefit at looking back at history and the need to plan for the future but I am most impressed with the "Power of Now". I am impressed with the human spirit that rises to the occasion. I am impressed with organizations, committees, commissions, and more so with the people who volunteer their time to such groups. I am impressed and grateful to those who volunteer their time and talent to care for another person who is sick or injured 24/7, snow or sunshine, or the person who trains for countless hours to be able to protect life and property. I am thankful for the employees who work hour after hour to make our streets safe to drive, make our Town safe day and night and take pride in the fact that they work in Colts Neck Township.

I appreciate Colts Neck's former Mayors, in particular Mayor Florek, and the wise decisions they have made as well as future residents who will step up to the plate to fill positions as they become available. I appreciate the current Township Committee Members who will navigate the challenging year ahead of us and look forward to our newest Committeeman, Russell Macnow's contributions and service.

This year looks to be one of restructuring and adapting to the economic climate. The State of New Jersey for far to long has ignored taking the tough steps of true fiscal responsibility and as these steps are finally put into action municipalities will feel some "pain". Colts Neck is not immune to this "pain" as we are faced with a unique situation of entering into our budget planning behind by some \$1.6 million dollars in an \$11 million dollar overall budget.

Tough and unpopular decisions will need to be made this year and none of us are pleased with having to make cuts and change long standing decisions. With these pending changes your Township Committee recognizes that our primary responsibility to the residents and visitors of the great Township of Colts Neck is safety and security. I have often said, "The role of government should be security and infrastructure. Beyond that the people have the responsibility to pursue their passions." Your Township Committee will do all it can to keep municipal services at an acceptable level. This year we ask for understanding from residents during the adjustment phase.

As your Mayor I look forward to working on several projects such as:

- 1) Increasing communication to residents through the improved Colts Neck Web Site, Nixle and Swift 911 Systems,

- 2) Taking full advantage of Green Energy Grants and programs,
- 3) Encouraging support of our business community and reminding residents and visitors of Colts Neck to take advantage of the wonderful shops, restaurants, golf courses and professionals we have in town,
- 4) Paying attention to “Quality of Life” issues: such as
 - a) Addressing the abandoned properties in Town,
 - b) Enforcing long standing ordinances that address the “Look” of Colts Neck; and
 - c) Encouraging continued resident involvement be it the Colts Neck Fair, Recreation, Alliance, and/or volunteering on the First Aid Squad or Fire Department.

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times... For me each day, with its trials and tribulations is the best of times, great Committeemen and talented staff in Colts Neck to work with, supportive in-laws, particularly my Father-in-Law, who guides me and keeps an eye on me, to wonderful sisters and their families who I learn from, to a Mother who has taught me the meaning of “giving”, to a beautiful wife who my heart beats for every day, to Jimmy and Jack, ours boys, who my eyes gleam for and at every glance of their faces reminds me of how incredibly wonderful this world is and how important it is that we recognize the “Power of Now” and work as a team to make all our children’s world a better place.

I am Humbled and Thankful for the opportunity to serve as Mayor.
Colts Neck – not just my address, but my Hometown.

Happy and Blessed New Year – Thank You

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2011 BY MAYOR SCHATZLE.

MAYOR SCHATZLE

Planning Board Class I
Police Department
Public Works
Buildings and Grounds
Finance
Board of Health
Emergency Planning Committee
Shared Services
Student Government Day
First Aid Squad

DEPUTY MAYOR ENGEL

Planning Board Class III
Shade Tree Commission
Colts Neck Website
Colts Neck Fair
Pop Warner Football
Sports Foundation
Recreation and Parks Department

COMMITTEEMAN EASTMAN

Finance
Long Range Planning
Historic Preservation Committee
Local/Regional Schools
Affordable Housing
Litigation Steering Committee
Earle Naval Base
Farmland/Open Space Committee
Horse Trails/Trail Riders

COMMITTEEMAN FITZGERALD

Affordable Housing
Litigation Steering Committee
Senior Citizens
County/State Government
Friends of the Library
Environmental Commission
Recycling
Cable Franchise Renewal

COMMITTEEMAN MACNOW

Fire Department
Colts Neck Business Association
The Grande Association
Local/Regional Schools
Architectural Review Committee
County/State Government
Long Range Planning
Drug/Alcohol Alliance