

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2013
4:00 P.M. AT COURT HOUSE**

The meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Engel. At Mayor Engel's request, Sen. Jennifer Beck led the salute to the flag. The following statement was read by Township Clerk, Mr. Bowden: "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by forwarding a News Release to the Asbury Park Press on December 12, 2012 stating the reorganization meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held January 5, 2013 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 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 Sen. John O. Bennett, III, Esq.

Absent: None

1. **WELCOME BY MAYOR JARRETT ENGEL:** Mayor Engel welcomed all present today including Sen. Jennifer Beck, Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande, Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon, Freeholders Lillian Burry and Serena DiMaso, and Rev. Scott Brown. Mayor Engel reflected on the many events of 2012 and spoke of the past year as one of change and new beginnings. (Mayor Engel's comments are appended.)

2. **INVOCATION:** The Reverend Scott Brown of the Colts Neck Reformed Church performed the invocation.

3. **SWEARING IN OF RE-ELECTED COMMITTEEMAN, JAMES C. SCHATZLE:** Mr. Schatzle was sworn in by Freeholder Burry as his mother, Charlotte Clime, held the bible, and sons, Jim and Jack, observed. Mr. Schatzle received a round of applause and photographs were taken.

Mr. Schatzle noted he was honored to serve on the Township Committee for his third term in office. He spoke of the honor he felt for his mother, the volunteers that make Colts Neck a special place, the Township employees, the fellow Township Committeemembers, his sons Jim and Jack, and the honor to serve on the Township Committee.

4. **SWEARING IN OF RE-ELECTED COMMITTEEMAN, MICHAEL D. FITZGERALD:** Mr. Fitzgerald was sworn in by Assemblyman O'Scanlon while his wife, Marguerite, held the bible and their children, Samantha and Joseph, observed. Mr. Fitzgerald received a round of applause and photographs were taken. Mr. Fitzgerald deferred his comments.

5. **NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR 2013:** Mayor Engel opened nominations for the position of Mayor 2013. Mr. Macnow stated he was proud to nominate Mr. Michael Fitzgerald as Mayor 2013, seconded by Mr. Schatzle. Mayor Engel closed nominations, and the nomination of Mr. Fitzgerald was unanimously carried. Mr. Michael D. Fitzgerald was confirmed as Mayor 2013.

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

6. **SWEARING IN OF MAYOR MICHAEL D. FITZGERALD:** Mr. Fitzgerald was sworn in as Mayor by Assemblyman O'Scanlon while his wife, Marguerite, held the bible and their two children, Samantha and Joseph observed. Mayor Fitzgerald received a round of applause and photographs were taken.

Mayor Fitzgerald welcomed his family, elected officials, volunteers and residents. Mayor Fitzgerald thanked his family and fellow Committeemembers' families for their support especially during aftermath of Superstorm Sandy when each Committeemember worked non-stop for two weeks until power and services were restored to the Township. Mayor Fitzgerald stated Mayor Engel should be proud of all he accomplished in 2012. Mayor Fitzgerald noted the Township Committee is comprised of talented people from different walks of life that accomplish great things together. Mayor Fitzgerald spoke of new initiatives for 2013 including the establishment of a Wildlife Committee to address deer, geese, and all wildlife; the establishment of a Strategic Planning Committee to address long-term planning, disaster planning and long-term initiatives; and researching recycling initiatives that may improve cost efficiencies (odd/even side of street collection, scheduling residents recycling drop offs). Mayor Fitzgerald urged residents to contact the Township Committee and work together to solve problems. Mayor Fitzgerald ended his comments with a Colts Neck Ode: "There once was a brand new Mayor from Colts Neck, He viewed 2012 as an expensive wreck, hurricanes and snow, outages we all know, tranquility is the goal for 13's trek" and then thanked all present. Mayor Fitzgerald received a round of applause.

7. **PRESENTATION OF GAVELS:**

- Mayor Fitzgerald was presented with his 2013 Mayor's gavel from former Mayor Engel, who stated he was proud to present this gavel to a fellow Committeeman.
- Former Mayor Engel was presented with his 2012 Mayor's gavel from Mayor Fitzgerald. Mayor Fitzgerald thanked former Mayor Engel for all he accomplished and the time he devoted to the needs of the community as Mayor 2012.

8. **NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR:** Mayor Fitzgerald opened the nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. Mr. Orgo stated he was proud to nominate Mr. Russell Macnow as Deputy Mayor 2013, seconded by Mr. Engel. Mayor Fitzgerald closed nominations, and the nomination of Mr. Russell Macnow was unanimously carried. Mr. Russell Macnow was confirmed as Deputy Mayor 2013.

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

9. SWEARING IN OF DEPUTY MAYOR RUSSELL MACNOW:

Mr. Macnow was sworn in by Assemblywoman Casagrande while his wife, Suzanne, held the bible and daughters, Rachel and Lauren, observed. Mr. Macnow received a round of applause and photographs were taken.

10. REMARKS BY HONORABLE ASSEMBLYWOMAN CAROLINE CASAGRANDE

Ms. Casagrande spoke of the amount of time and tireless leadership Mayor Engel devoted to restoring the community after Superstorm Sandy. Ms. Casagrande spoke of Mayor Engel reaching out to President Obama, which resulted in a visit from the Under Secretary of the Department of Energy touring the Township and expediting power restoration. Ms. Casagrande spoke of Mayor Engel's devotion to the community, and the fact that a baby was being named Jarrett in honor of Mayor Engel's responsiveness after the Sandy restoration. Ms. Casagrande stated Mr. Fitzgerald is the right man for Mayor 2013, and she noted the generosity of his wife in providing needed clothing during the Sandy recovery. Ms. Casagrande thanked Freeholder Burry for making Colts Neck the preserved land it is today, and noted Mrs. Burry is owed a debt of gratitude for all she has done on behalf of Colts Neck. Ms. Casagrande spoke of the value of the comfort stations opened during the Sandy emergency, residents' response to the storm devastation in Union Beach, and the vigilance in spending tax dollars wisely for restoration. Ms. Casagrande noted a larger portion of badly damaged roadway on Route 34 within the Township was resurfaced recently by the State, and the remainder will be resurfaced within the next two years. Ms. Casagrande spoke of the attributes of each Township Committeemember and wished them well in the year ahead. Ms. Casagrande received a round of applause.

11. REMARKS BY HONORABLE FREEHOLDER LILLIAN G. BURRY

Mrs. Burry spoke of her time on the Township Committee, and noted she felt well prepared to assume the role as Freeholder. Mrs. Burry spoke of the many accomplishments of Monmouth County which enhance the quality of life of Township residents, including the 400 acre Dorbrook Park, Hominy Hill Golf Course, and the Monmouth County Library, which is the largest circulating library system in the State. Mrs. Burry noted the County partnered with the Township for many years to preserve farmland, and she is proud of the recent acquisition of the Cicaless farm as preserved farmland. Mrs. Burry spoke of the 911 dispatch services, noting Colts Neck was one of its first members. Dispatch services recently moved to larger facilities within Freehold to service its many participating municipalities. The realignment of Routes 537 and 34 began in 1999, and with the acquisition of the Exxon property, this project is well on its way to streamline traffic flow through the Township, at no cost to Colts Neck. Mrs. Burry noted the County recently completed Phase 1 of dredging the Town Hall pond, and expects to complete Phase 2 this Spring. Mrs. Burry stated she was proud and indebted to this Township Committee for their leadership during Superstorm Sandy restoration, and she thanked the first responders and volunteers for their countless hours devoted to Township residents. Mrs. Burry spoke of the devastation within Union Beach and commended Col. James Sfayer for his dedication in spearheading volunteer

efforts within Colts Neck to aid in the restoration. Mrs. Burry stated while we look to the past with justifiable pride, we must also focus on creating an even better future. Mrs. Burry closed with the thought that Ted Narozanick's comment that Colts Neck is "the jewel of Monmouth County" still rings true today.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENT** – ANNOUNCEMENT OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2013 BY MAYOR FITZGERALD

MAYOR FITZGERALD

Planning Board - Class I
Long Range Planning
Shared Services
Recreation Committee
Colts Neck Sports Foundation
American Youth Football/Cheer
Colts Neck Polo
Colts Neck Trail Riders
Horse/Multi-Use Trails
Local/Regional Schools
Finance
Litigation Steering Committee

DEPUTY MAYOR MACNOW

Long Range Planning
Fire Department
County/State Government
Litigation Steering Committee
Affordable Housing
Friends of the Library
Drug/Alcohol Alliance
The Grande Association

COMMITTEEMAN SCHATZLE

Senior Citizens
Historic Preservation Committee
Strategic Planning Committee
Finance
Board of Health
Emergency Planning Committee
Student Government Day
First Aid Squad
Colts Neck Fair
Local/Regional Schools

COMMITTEEMAN ORGO

Shade Tree Commission
Environmental Commission
Planning Board - Class III
Architectural Review Committee
Colts Neck Business Association
Affordable Housing
Wildlife Committee

COMMITTEEMAN ENGEL

Farmland/Open Space Committee
Colts Neck Website
Buildings and Grounds
Public Works
Police Department
Earle Naval Base
County/State Government
Recycling
Strategic Planning Committee

13. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:**

PLANNING BOARD

CLASS I – MICHAEL D. FITZGERALD (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)
 CLASS II – FRANK LECESSE (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)
 CLASS III – THOMAS ORGO (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/13)
 CLASS IV – BROOK CROSSAN (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/16)
 CLASS IV – ROBERT LUTKEWITTE (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/16)

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

EDWARD SOBIESKI (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/16)
 ALBERT YODAKIS (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/16)
 ALTERNATE NO. 2 – CHARLES KARCHER (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/14)

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MAYOR APPOINTS DAVID KOSTKA AS CHAIRMAN FOR 2013

VINCENT DOMIDION (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)
 MARY MASSEY (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

ANITA O'MALLEY (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/17)
 JENNIFER AXELROD (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/17)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

KEVIN SAUTER, COORDINATOR (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)
 PHILLIP MAIDA, DEPUTY COORDINATOR (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)

14. **RESOLUTION 2013-3:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF CLASS III PLANNING BOARD MEMBER (COMMITTEEMAN ORGO) was read by title by Mayor Fitzgerald. Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schatzle and unanimously carried.

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Fitzgerald			X			
Deputy Mayor Macnow	M		X			
Schatzle		S	X			
Orgo			X			
Engel			X			

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15. **RESOLUTION 2013-4:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONALS was read by title by Mayor Fitzgerald. Mayor Fitzgerald then read the following professionals appointments for the year 2013:

1. John O. Bennett, III, Esq., Township Attorney;
2. John O. Bennett, III, Esq., Township Prosecutor;
3. Dilworth Paxson, LLC, Bond Counsel;
4. Glenn Gerken, P.E., Township Engineer;
5. Robert Allison, Auditor;
6. Carmine Villani, Esq., Public Defender;
7. Raymond Raya, Esq., Conflict Public Defender;
8. Jaime Plosia, Esq., Labor Counsel;
9. Michael Steib, Esq., Special Counsel;
10. Visiting Nurse Association, Home Health Services;
11. Associated Humane, Animal Control Services;
12. Dominick Manco, Esq., Special Counsel – Affordable Housing;

- 13. Julie McGowan, Landscape Architect – Inspection Escrows;
- 14. Thomas A. Thomas, P.P. – Affordable Housing; and
- 15. Valley Health Medical Group – Random Drug/Alcohol Testing.

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

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Fitzgerald			X			
Deputy Mayor Macnow	S		X			
Schatzle			X			
Orgo			X			
Engel	M		X			
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16. **RESOLUTION 2013-5:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE was read by title by Mayor Fitzgerald. Mayor Fitzgerald then read the following appointments and term expirations:

RICHARD REHM (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)
 DAVID BARCLAY (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)

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

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Fitzgerald			X			
Deputy Mayor Macnow	M		X			
Schatzle			X			
Orgo	S		X			
Engel			X			
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17. **RESOLUTION 2013-6:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE was read by title by Mayor Fitzgerald. Mayor Fitzgerald then read the following appointments and term expirations:

JUDITH LAUFER (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)
 A.J. GARITO (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)
 JOSEPH MANCINO (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)
 BRIAN MC NALLY (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)
 RICHARD REHM (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)

MAYOR RECOMMENDS JAMES VALENTI AS CHAIRMAN FOR 2013

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

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Fitzgerald			X			
Deputy Mayor Macnow			X			
Schatzle			X			
Orgo	S		X			
Engel	M		X			
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18. **RESOLUTION 2013-7:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE was read by title by Mayor Fitzgerald. Mayor Fitzgerald then read the following appointments and term expirations:

LILLIAN G. BURRY (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)
 HAROLD KILBRIDE (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)
 ERIC OBERER (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)

Mr. Schatzle made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried.

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

19. **RESOLUTION 2013-8:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE was read by title by Mayor Fitzgerald. Mayor Fitzgerald then read the following appointments and term expirations:

LILLIAN G. BURRY (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)
 CINDY FEURY (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)
 PATRICIA MITCHELL (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)
 ANTOINETTE MORELLO (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)

Mayor Fitzgerald stated Ms. Louise Whitney, a long-time, valued member of this committee is having difficulty serving. At Freeholder Burry's recommendation, Mayor Fitzgerald is appointing Ms. Louise Whitney as Member Emeritus, a non-voting member of this committee.

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

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

20. **RESOLUTION 2013-9:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH was read by title by Mayor Fitzgerald. Mayor Fitzgerald then read the following appointments and term expirations:

DONNA FLOOD (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/16)
 ALTERNATE NO. 2 – MARILYN BOAK (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/16)

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

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Fitzgerald			X			
Deputy Mayor Macnow		S	X			
Schatzle	M		X			
Orgo			X			
Engel			X			

M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent

21. **RESOLUTION 2013-10:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE was read by title by Mayor Fitzgerald. Mayor Fitzgerald then read the following appointment and term expiration:

ALBERT YODAKIS (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/15)

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

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Fitzgerald			X			
Deputy Mayor Macnow			X			
Schatzle	S		X			
Orgo			X			
Engel	M		X			

M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent

22. **RESOLUTION 2013-11:** CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE, THE HONORABLE RICHARD THOMPSON was read by title by Mayor Fitzgerald.

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

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Fitzgerald			X			
Deputy Mayor Macnow		S	X			
Schatzle			X			
Orgo	M		X			
Engel			X			

M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent

23. **RECOGNITION OF COLTS NECK VOLUNTEER FIRE CHIEF, RICHARD GALINSKI, AND DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF, MICHAEL BURKE.**
24. **RECOGNITION OF COLTS NECK VOLUNTEER FIRST AID CAPTAIN, FRANK VALENTINO, AND PRESIDENT, JAMES LEBER.**

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked the Emergency Services volunteers for being here today and for their service and the service of their emergency responders to the Township. Mayor Fitzgerald asked those present today, Chief Galinski and President Leber, to remain seated while all present rose and gave them a round of applause.

25. **MOTION TO ADOPT A CONSENT AGENDA**
26. ***RESOLUTION 2013-12**: CONFIRMING DESIGNATION OF MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORIES
27. ***RESOLUTION 2013-13**: AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF 2013 TEMPORARY BUDGET
28. ***RESOLUTION 2013-14**: AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES, PENALTIES AND INTEREST RATES FOR 2013
29. ***RESOLUTION 2013-15**: AUTHORIZING PRE-PAYMENT OF CERTAIN ITEMS
30. ***RESOLUTION 2013-16**: AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN
31. ***RESOLUTION 2013-17**: CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTY REPRESENTATIVE (MR. ROBERT BOWDEN)
32. ***RESOLUTION 2013-18**: CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE OFFICER (MR. ROBERT BOWDEN)
33. ***RESOLUTION 2013-19**: CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF MID JERSEY JOINT INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER (MR. ROBERT BOWDEN)
34. ***RESOLUTION 2013-20**: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL TOWNSHIP NEWSPAPER (ASBURY PARK PRESS)
35. ***RESOLUTION 2013-21**: APPROVING USE OF ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

36. **GROUP SWEARING IN OF DULY APPOINTED VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS**: Mr. Bowden administered the Oath of Office to all duly appointed volunteers and members present today. All received a round of applause and photographs were taken.
37. **ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS**: Mayor Fitzgerald welcomed comments from the following elected officials present today:
 - **FREEHOLDER SERENA DI MASO**
 Freeholder DiMaso spoke on behalf of the Monmouth County Freeholders and wished the Township Committee a great 2013, and congratulated Mayor Michael Fitzgerald on his appointment.

- **SENATOR JENNIFER BECK**

Sen. Beck stated it was an honor to represent the Township these past seven years. Sen. Beck commended Mayor Engel for his exemplary efforts to restore the Township after Sandy. Sen. Beck noted Assemblywoman Casagrande works tirelessly to obtain needed assistance for the Township. Sen. Beck stated there are thousands within Monmouth County living without anything, and it is a challenge as a community to restore normalcy for those residents.

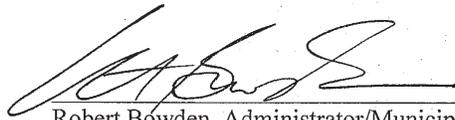
38. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Fitzgerald announced the next regularly scheduled Township Committee meeting will be held on January 9, 2013, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 124 Cedar Drive, Colts Neck, New Jersey.

Mayor Fitzgerald stated Marguerite and he invite all present to be their guests for light refreshments at the Colts Neck Inn.

39. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Engel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried by voice vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



Robert Bowden, Administrator/Municipal Clerk

Attachment

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2013 Colts Neck Township Reorganization meeting. Before we jump into the agenda I wanted to take a moment, I promise, it will just be a moment, and reflect on 2012. Like any year in Colts Neck on the township committee we adopted roughly 150 resolutions, 15 ordinances and adopted an approximately 10 million dollar budget with a six tenth of one cent tax increase. All very important to our community. But if I were to describe 2012, I would certainly not categorize it as any other year. I would say that it was a year of change and new beginnings. I am proud to say that your township committee successfully settled three year contracts with the Police PBA, White Collar and Blue Collar Unions. Changes were made to these contracts which will position Colts Neck favorably into the future. Due to our fiscal discipline over the past few years, we were able to hire two new police officers and public works laborers, again positioning our town well for the year ahead.

In the spirit of change, we took a hard look at the deer issue in our town, establishing a deer management sub-committee and a partnership with the state. A partnership was created between our recreation department and our sports foundation, to create a better way forward for maintaining the fields in our parks. Superstorm Sandy taught us that we needed to change the way we look at power in our town. Not something that we should leave in the hands of the power companies, but partner with them, the state and the Federal Government, to create a power plan that will better prepare our town in the future.

I am proud to say that a culture of change to keep to the ideals of our town was created in 2012 that I am hopeful will continue into 2013, as there was a lot started that needs to continue. We need to continue the hard work that was started to make the fields in our town more efficient and effective. We need to continue our efforts in strengthening our deer management efforts in town. We must continue the work that was started to improve our roads and infrastructure, while working with our local county and state politicians to maintain their roads running through our town.

And lastly, I would just like to say Thank You. Thank you to my family, friends, colleagues and fellow volunteers. This was a very trying year on our emergency services volunteers, first aid, fire, police, public works and all those who work in town hall – and of course, to their families. Your efforts this year have not gone unnoticed and although this past year has been tough, it has strengthened the fabric and fiber of our town. I can honestly say that this great town of Colts Neck is stronger, better prepared and more capable of handling anything that may come our way in 2013.

Thank you all again for coming today. You have all been more than my neighbors during my tenure as Mayor, but as my family.