

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2018, 7:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

The meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Bartolomeo followed by a salute to the flag led by Mario Geneve. The following statement was read by Municipal Clerk, Ms. Kara. "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by noticing the News Transcript on January 10, 2018 stating that a regular meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held February 28, 2018 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 website and a copy is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk."

Roll call by Ms. Kara indicated the following:

Present: Mayor J. P. Bartolomeo, Deputy Mayor Thomas Orgo, and Committeemen Frank Rizzuto, Michael Viola and Russell Macnow

Also Present: Township Administrator Kathleen Capristo; Municipal Clerk Beth Kara; and Township Counsel Meghan Bennett Clark, Esq.

Absent: None

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018. The approval of minutes was set aside for the next Township Committee meeting.

2. **RESOLUTION 2018-40:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK AND THE COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 333 (2018-2021) was read by title by Mayor Bartolomeo. Mr. Macnow advised the Township entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the PBA changing the term of the Collective Bargaining Agreement from three years to four years. Mr. Macnow thanked the two PBA representatives present this evening, Morgan Savage and Richard Zarillo, noting this agreement was the result of two parties working collaboratively together to the residents and the employees benefit. Mr. Macnow noted the agreement was reached with the assistance of the PBA representatives, the Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and the attorneys on both sides. Mr. Orgo commented the agreement was very good and thanked those involved. Mr. Viola thanked Mr. Macnow and the PBA. Mr. Rizzuto had no comment. Mayor Bartolomeo thanked the PBA and for making this town what it is. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Bartolomeo asked for a motion. 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 Bartolomeo			X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo	M		X			
Rizzuto			X			
Viola			X			
Macnow		S	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent						

PBA representative Richard Zarillo signed and Morgan Savage attested on behalf of PBA Local 333, Mayor Bartolomeo signed and Beth Kara attested on behalf of the Township. Messrs. Zarillo and Savage took one signed original of the agreement and left the meeting.

3. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION:** PROCLAIMING MARCH 2, 2018 AS READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK. Mayor Bartolomeo read the Proclamation in full, noting the Township Committee's endorsement of the NEA Read Across America and Read Across America-NJ, and the recommitment of this community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world. Ms. Kara accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Library, noting it would be part of their exhibit in recognition of Dr. Seuss's 114th birthday.
4. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION:** PROCLAIMING MARCH 2018 AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK. Mayor Bartolomeo read the Proclamation in full, noting the importance of regular screenings and the signs and symptoms of the disease in the fight against colorectal cancer. Mayor Bartolomeo presented the Proclamation to residents Michele Battista and Mario Geneve, and photographs were taken. Ms. Battista advised she received a Proclamation from the Monmouth County Freeholders.
5. **ORDINANCE 2018-1:** 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 Bartolomeo. Mr. Macnow advised Long Range Planning developed this ordinance amendment, which establishes a definition for a place of worship and replaces the term "church" with "place of worship". In addition, it clarifies that places of worship are not a permitted principal use in business zones, and adds places of worship to the list of prohibited uses within business zones. Hearing no comments from the Township Committee, Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion to open the public hearing. Mr. Orgo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried by voice vote.

Ms. Judy Laufer, resident, stated she was in favor of this ordinance and thanked the Township Committee.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Orgo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried by voice vote. Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion. Mr. Orgo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried.

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Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Bartolomeo			X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo	M		X			
Rizzuto			X			
Viola			X			
Macnow		S	X			
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6. **MOTION TO ADOPT A CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed on the "Consent Agenda" are considered routine by the Township and are adopted or approved collectively by a single motion and roll-call vote of a majority of the Township Committee. If discussion is desired on any item, it is considered separately.

***RESOLUTION 2018-41:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF FENCES ON EASEMENTS OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 33, LOT 2.15, ALSO KNOWN AS 1 COUNTRY MEADOW DRIVE

***RESOLUTION 2018-42:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FENCE ON A LANDSCAPE EASEMENT OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 7.2, LOT 6.2, ALSO KNOWN AS 7 HOMELANDS DRIVE.

***RESOLUTION 2018-43:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

***RESOLUTION 2018-44:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECREATION PROGRAM REFUND (\$82.50)

***RESOLUTION 2018-45:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE AND RETURN OF ESCROW FUNDS

***RESOLUTION 2018-46:** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, MS. GINA CRISTIANO.

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

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Mayor Bartolomeo			X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo			X			
Rizzuto		S	X			
Viola			X			
Macnow	M		X			
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7. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Capristo advised Marlboro Township has reached out to the Township to renew the shared services agreement for their pool club whereby Colts Neck residents may join the Marlboro Swim Club at no cost to the Township. A resolution to renew the agreement is planned for the next Township Committee meeting.

Ms. Capristo advised as a Fund Commissioner, she is working with the Township's insurer to address cyber security and by enhancing member incentives to reduce deductibles based on preventive measures taken. Ms. Capristo will be working with the Township's IT provider and Township staff on this issue.

Ms. Capristo reminded everyone the E. Murray Todd Half Marathon will be run on Sunday, March 4, starting at 8:30 a.m. from Brookdale in Lincroft, through several roads within Colts Neck.

Ms. Capristo commented the Code Enforcement efforts on brush and leaves are meant to be educational, not punitive. Residents are being made aware of what the rules are which should guide their future brush and leaves efforts. Mayor Bartolomeo spoke of a letter he received from a very unhappy resident.

8. MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS: Mr. Rizzuto noted he reviewed the vouchers and recommended approval:

Animal Control	\$79.63
Capital Fund	\$23,642.42
COAH	\$19,578.80
Construction Trust	\$10,825.36
Current Fund	\$4,955,244.62
Escrow	\$5,934.64
Grant Fund	\$2,000.00
Trust Fund	\$12,310.99
TOTAL	<u>\$5,029,616.46</u>

Mr. Rizzuto made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried with the exception of Mayor Bartolomeo abstaining from approving bills payable to Adams, Buchan, Paolo¹; and Mr. Rizzuto abstaining from approving bills for Fire Department expenditures².

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Mayor Bartolomeo			X ¹		X ¹	
Deputy Mayor Orgo			X			
Rizzuto	M		X ²		X ²	
Viola			X			
Macnow		S	X			
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9. **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Orgo stated he is saddened to advise of the recent passing of the Reverend Dave Dimola.

Mr. Viola advised the Alliance met Monday evening and all Alliance meetings are now on the website (home page calendar and Alliance page). Mr. Viola noted all are invited and encouraged to attend.

Mr. Viola advised the Wildlife Committee met Monday evening and noted hunting season is now over. The Wildlife Committee has made resident outreach efforts; however, there has been no commitment from residents to combine adjacent properties for the purpose of deer management.

Mr. Viola reported the CNBA will be having the annual luncheon on March 21, starting at 11:30 a.m., at Trump National Golf Club.

Mr. Rizzuto reported at the February 21 Board of Education meeting, fifth grade students returned to the Elementary School to receive PARC Achievement Awards.

Mr. Rizzuto reported the Architectural Review Committee met last evening to review applications.

Mr. Rizzuto reported Girl Scout Troop 696 visited Town Hall as part of a government badge. During their visit, a Mayor and Committee was elected and a meeting held, complete with Mr. Rizzuto's personal gavel. Mr. Rizzuto noted discussions were very pertinent to today's issues within the Township, and he was impressed.

Mr. Rizzuto reported the Friends of the Library are having their annual book sale Friday and Saturday, March 16-17, in the large meeting room. Mr. Rizzuto advised this is a worthwhile sale and urged all to attend.

Mr. Macnow spoke of the numerous times the Township Committee is asked what they are doing to prevent a situation like Parkland or Sandy Hook. Mr. Macnow stated within New Jersey, schools fall within the purview of the Boards of Education, not the Governing Bodies of municipalities. The Colts Neck Board of Education and the Freehold Regional School Board are comprised of bright people who have the statutory authority to determine what is done within the school systems. Mr. Macnow noted the Township and the School Boards have a great relationship and have worked together; however, the final decisions are made by the School Boards. Mr. Macnow advised both he and Mayor Bartolomeo met with School Board Administration to discuss how best to facilitate and implement the School Board's plans. Mr. Macnow urged the public to attend the School Board meetings and ask questions. Mayor Bartolomeo stated the Mayor and Township Committee support the schools in whatever they do.

Mayor Bartolomeo advised a mailer will be going out soon listing the dates for events throughout 2018 under the Mayor's "cohesive initiative". This mailer will assist residents in planning their participation at events well in advance.

Mayor Bartolomeo announced there is a significant need for poll workers for the upcoming elections on June 5 and November 6. Those interested should refer to the County Clerk's "Elections" section of the "VisitMonmouth.com" website for additional information.

Mayor Bartolomeo advised the budget workshop meeting will be held Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in this meeting room (Town Hall).

Mayor Bartolomeo advised the weekly Sundays with the Mayor at the Town Hall core site is a rain or shine event. Questions and answers from 7:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., and the walk/run around the core site begins at 8:00 a.m., and concludes with coffee at the Colts Neck General Store.

Mayor Bartolomeo reminded everyone Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11, at 2:00 a.m., and to set clocks ahead one hour.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion to open the meeting to public comments. Mr. Orgo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried by voice vote.

Ms. Judy Laufer, resident, advised Betty Riley, the former owner of Huddy's Inn, passed away last week.

Mr. Fulton Wilcox, resident, expressed his concern over the incident in Parkland and the communication within the Township. Counsel Bennett Clark clarified the concept of community based policing, and noted this community is very communicative with its Police Department.

Mr. Alan Ryan, resident, expressed his thoughts on school safety. Counsel Bennett Clark noted this town is proactive, not a reactive community. Mr. Macnow noted discussions are ongoing, to which Ms. Capristo concurred. Mr. Ryan reported there was a fire Monday night, and the Fire Police were out all night to assist the Fire Department. Mr. Ryan noted the younger members of the Fire Department did well, and he is proud to be a member of the Fire Department.

Ms. Elaine Mann, resident and Township Clean Communities Coordinator, noted the roads are dirty (litter) and more volunteer groups are needed.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion to close the meeting to public comments. Mr. Macnow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Viola and unanimously carried by voice vote.

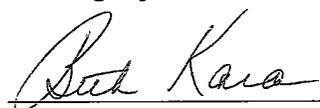
11. **RESOLUTION 2018-47: EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Macnow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Viola and unanimously carried by voice vote. Counsel Bennett Clark advised the Township Committee would not be returning tonight to take formal action.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Bartolomeo		X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo		X			
Rizzuto		X			
Viola	S	X			
Macnow	M	X			
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Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Rizzuto, seconded by Mr. Viola and unanimously carried to adjourn Closed Session. Motion by Mr. Macnow seconded by Mr. Rizzuto and unanimously carried to reconvene in public session and adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


Beth Kara, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk