

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2018, 7:30 P.M.  
TOWN HALL**

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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 First Aid Squad members, Ruth Bender and Debbie Evankow. 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 March 14, 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

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- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** REGULAR MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018; FEBRUARY 28, 2018; SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2018; BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETINGS FEBRUARY 24, 2018 AND MARCH 3, 2018. Mayor Bartolomeo noted all Committeemembers were present for all meetings and called for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion. Mr. Rizzuto made a motion to approve all minutes, seconded by Mr. Viola and unanimously carried.

<b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Bartolomeo			X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo			X			
Rizzuto	M		X			
Viola		S	X			
Macnow			X			
M - Moved   S - Seconded   X - indicates vote   NV - Not Voting   Ab - Absent						

- DISCUSSION:** TERM LIMITS ON TOWNSHIP BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS. Mayor Bartolomeo commended the many residents who volunteer their time on the various Township organizations, some for decades. He spoke about the recent ordinance passed to address habitual absences at scheduled meetings. Mayor Bartolomeo is now questioning if a term limit, similar to the Governing Body of 9 years or a maximum limit of 12 years, is something the Governing Body wants to consider to provide other residents with the opportunity to participate. Counsel Bennett Clark advised other municipalities have established term limits by resolution, and have a pool of volunteers to draw from. Mr. Macnow commented he was in favor of term limits, and while there might not be a problem to find volunteers for both Planning and Zoning Boards, as long as the Governing Body has the option to extend an appointment, he would support this. Mr. Orgo commented there are new people on the Planning Board this year, noting the Class II person must be a Township employee. Mr. Orgo stated new appointees need to know about land use rules and read the Master Plan; all of which takes up to three years to learn. Mr. Viola noted there is training offered in other communities. He stated there is a risk to serving for a long time in that there is a difficulty in replacing that experience, and there is a benefit to bringing new life to the organizations. Mr. Rizzuto questioned if this could be handled by not re-appointing a volunteer. Mr. Macnow noted all Governing Body members know of the unwritten agreement of the nine-year maximum term to serve when they begin, and appointments are staggered to ensure experienced individuals are on the Committee. Mayor Bartolomeo asked Counsel Bennett Clark to return with ideas from

other municipalities. Counsel Bennett Clark stated term limits can be accomplished formally by resolution or informally by not reappointing, and she will provide the Governing Body with options.

3. **ORDINANCE 2018-4:** AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE 2018 SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK (POLICE DEPARTMENT) was read by title at first reading by Mayor Bartolomeo. Mr. Macnow commented the ordinance is the salary structure included in the PBA contract that was recently ratified. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion. Mr. Macnow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Viola and unanimously carried. Mayor Bartolomeo set the public hearing March 28, 2018.

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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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4. **ORDINANCE 2018-5:** AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) was read by title at first reading by Mayor Bartolomeo. This ordinance authorizes the CY 2018 budget increase by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations. A 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$87,182.31 in excess of the increase in final appropriations amounting to \$305,138.09. Hearing no comments, Mayor Bartolomeo asked for a motion. Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried. Mayor Bartolomeo set the public hearing March 28, 2018.

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Bartolomeo		X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo	S	X			
Rizzuto		X			
Viola		X			
Macnow	M	X			
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5. **RESOLUTION 2018-48:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE QUALIFIED PUBLIC COMMUNITY SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK AND THE GRANDE AT COLTS NECK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATES, INC. was read by title by Mayor Bartolomeo. Mayor Bartolomeo thanked Ms. Capristo and Counsel Bennett Clark for updating the 2002 agreement. Counsel Bennett Clark noted this is a good contract. Mr. Macnow thanked the Board members from The Grande. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion. Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Viola and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Bartolomeo		X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo		X			
Rizzuto		X			
Viola	S	X			
Macnow	M	X			
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6. **RESOLUTION 2018-49:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MARLBORO FOR USE OF THE MARLBORO SWIM CLUB was read by title by Mayor Bartolomeo. Mr. Macnow commented this shared services agreement has been in force several years and enables Colts Neck residents to join the Marlboro Swim Club. Hearing no comments from the Township Committee, Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion. Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Bartolomeo		X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo	S	X			
Rizzuto		X			
Viola		X			
Macnow	M	X			

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7. **RESOLUTION 2018-50:** A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED MONMOUTH COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT was read by title by Mayor Bartolomeo. This resolution amends the approved WQM Plan to expand the discharge at Hockhockson Farm. Mayor Bartolomeo commented all requirements to amend were met, the Monmouth County Freeholders have approved the proposed plan, and Colts Neck Township approval is sought. Hearing no comments, Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion. Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried.

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Mayor Bartolomeo		X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo	S	X			
Rizzuto		X			
Viola		X			
Macnow	M	X			

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8. **RESOLUTION 2018-51:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VETERANS' ALLOWANCES (\$500.00) was read by title by Mayor Bartolomeo. This resolution authorizes a credit of \$250 per qualifying taxpayer to be applied to the second quarter 2018 taxes. Hearing no comment Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion. Mr. Viola made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Rizzuto and unanimously carried.

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Bartolomeo		X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo		X			
Rizzuto	S	X			
Viola	M	X			
Macnow		X			

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9. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Capristo provided a recap of the recent snowstorm advising the private contractor was called in to assist DPW staff in the expeditious clearing of roadways. Mr. Bader, DPW Director, and Mr. Schatzle, OEM Coordinator, monitored the roads and weather reports. In addition, Mr. Schatzle provided emergency notifications to all signed up to the Swift 911 System. Ms. Capristo urged residents to sign for emergency notifications through the

Swift 911 system and encouraged those previously enrolled to review and update contact information. Ms. Capristo thanked the Mayor and Police Department for informing residents via social media and to the First Aid Squad for opening a comfort station during the power outages and to Mary at the General Store for providing food. Ms. Capristo noted Township power outages started at 81 to 31 by Friday, 4 by Saturday, and 0 by Sunday.

**10. MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS:** Mr. Rizzuto noted he reviewed the vouchers and recommends approval of the following:

Animal Control	\$144.42
Capital Fund	\$21,371.30
COAH	\$34.00
Construction Trust	\$14,189.18
Current Fund	\$5,016,602.06
Escrow	\$55,560.81
Grant Fund	\$1,000.00
Tax Collectors Trust	\$421,625.37
Trust Fund	\$87,471.99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$5,617,999.13</u></b>

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, Paolo<sup>1</sup>; and Mr. Rizzuto abstaining from approving bills for Fire Department expenditures<sup>2</sup> and Mr. Macnow abstaining from approving bills for Sakoutis Brothers Disposal, Inc.<sup>3</sup>.

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Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Bartolomeo			X <sup>1</sup>		X <sup>1</sup>	
Deputy Mayor Orgo			X			
Rizzuto	M		X <sup>2</sup>		X <sup>2</sup>	
Viola			X			
Macnow	S		X <sup>3</sup>		X <sup>3</sup>	
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**11. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Viola reported the Shade Tree Commission is looking for external funding through grants and by establishing a memorial tree program. They are also working on an informational brochure about the preservation of trees within the Township for new residents.

Mr. Orgo reported the Farmland and Open Space Committee is in favor of appointing a liaison to the Monmouth County Agricultural Board, Mr. Thomas Morin has volunteered for this position in addition to being a member of the Farmland and Open Space Committee. The Township Committee was in unanimous consent and a resolution appointing Mr. Thomas Morin will be on the next meeting agenda.

Mr. Macnow reported he attended the First Aid Squad meeting last evening and thanked the First Aid Squad for opening the comfort station at their building for residents without power as a result of the recent storm. Mr. Macnow also thanked Mary from the General Store for providing food. During the meeting, the First Aid Squad swore in a new member.

Mr. Macnow provided a COAH update, noting Judge Jacobsen, Mercer County, issued an opinion which could ultimately impact Colts Neck. Region 4 (Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties) was allocated 34,161, with Mercer County allocated 7,378 and Monmouth/Ocean the remainder or 26,783. Mr. Macnow noted these numbers do not take into account municipalities' specific issues, and all are waiting to see how the numbers translate. Mr. Macnow noted Judge Jacobsen is a well-respected jurist, and the opinion reflects listening to all who testified. Mr. Macnow noted the Township's case is still pending in Monmouth County Superior Court.

Mr. Rizzuto reported he met with The Grande Executive Board and is working to establish channels of communication and enhance relationships.

Mr. Rizzuto reported he was out with the Fire Police during the recent storm and thanked the Fire Department and the Public Works staff, who operated chain saws and front end loaders and worked very hard to keep the roadways clear.

Mr. Rizzuto advised the annual Easter egg hunts begin at 10 a.m. at Fire House 1 with breakfast with the Easter Bunny following.

Mayor Bartolomeo reported he spoke with Senator Vin Gopal and is very pleased to see support of the veterans income tax exemption of \$3,000. Mayor Bartolomeo commented Senator Gopal is very receptive to issues and they have spoken about the Route 34, Laird Road, Conover Road roadway, noting it is not within the Township's authority to fill pot holes on Route 34, as this is a State Highway. Senator Gopal will be reviewing this issue.

Mayor Bartolomeo advised he attended the event honoring Lillian Burry as a woman of distinction who has given her life to public service. Representatives from Matawan, Burlington County, Colts Neck and the Monmouth County Freeholders presented Mrs. Burry with proclamations for her many achievements throughout her public service career. Mayor Bartolomeo noted she is a phenomenal representative of the women's movement, and a fellow Freeholder commented she gets things done.

Mayor Bartolomeo advised those who see something, report it through the Township's web portal "Report a Concern".

Mayor Bartolomeo noted he and Committeemen Rizzuto and Viola were at the school board meeting tonight, and he commends the school leadership for thoroughly researching and deciding on courses of action within the school environment.

Mayor Bartolomeo reported he has a direct line to JCP&L during emergency incidents, and Colts Neck did not fare badly with the number of outages during this last storm compared to other areas. The Police and Township Committee members went door to door to reach out to residents without power. JCP&L is mandated by the Public Utilities Commission to restore large numbers of customers without power first. Mayor Bartolomeo is working to have this septic and well community receive special considerations when outages occur. Mayor Bartolomeo spoke of the reporting of power outages on Fairway West and on Ann Street to JCP&L. Mayor Bartolomeo complemented Mr. Bader for doing a great job, especially during this last storm and for looking at Colts Neck as his town.

Mayor Bartolomeo advised that this week's "Sunday with the Mayor" will be moved to "Saturday with the Mayor" in honor of the St. Patrick's Day festivities Saturday evening. He thanked those who regularly attend this morning work-out and encouraged all to come and meet your neighbors.

## **12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

Mr. Fulton Wilcox, resident, questioned large payments to Tristone Capital and US Bank. Mr. Orgo responded they are bond repayments on farmland preserved properties. Mr. Wilcox questioned the Township's agreement with The Grande. Ms. Capristo advised statutorily, the Township is required to provide the same level of service to The Grande as it does to other residents. Mr. Macnow noted a number cannot be set for the cost of this agreement, as there are many variables that generate services; however, this contract has safeguards built into it and the Township now has oversight in the selection of service providers.

Ms. Sue Fitzpatrick, resident and CNBA representative, thanked the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their on-site presence during the recent storm. At today's CNBA monthly meeting, Police Chief Sauter addressed the membership advising of current issues in the community. Ms. Fitzpatrick noted the annual CNBA luncheon at Trump is sold out. In addition, two new members joined the CNBA —Green Meadows Restaurant and the General Store. Ms. Fitzpatrick thanked Mayor Bartolomeo for visiting the Township

businesses with CNBA President Glen Dalakian, noting the visits send a nice message to the business community.

Ms. Judy Laufer, resident, commented she installed a generator and invited those without power to stay with her; however, residents without power remained in their homes. Mr. Macnow responded that is where they felt safe, even without power; people do not want to leave their homes.

Mr. Mario Geneve, resident, commented during the outage from Sandy, neighbor Ralph Soma ran a cable to share his generator power.

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

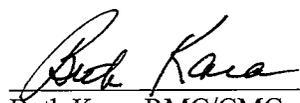
11. **RESOLUTION 2018-52:** EXECUTIVE SESSION. Mr. Orgo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried by voice vote. Counsel Bennett Clark advised the Township Committee would not be returning tonight to take formal action.

RECORD OF VOTE						
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Mayor Bartolomeo			X			
Deputy Mayor Orgo	M		X			
Rizzuto			X			
Viola			X			
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Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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 9:15 p.m.

  
Beth Kara, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk