

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 13, 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. 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 June 13, 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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1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** MEETING OF MAY 30, 2018. Mayor Bartolomeo called for comments and/or revisions. Hearing none, Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion. Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, 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			X			
Viola	S		X			
Macnow	M		X			
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2. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION:** CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM COORDINATOR VOLUNTEER - MS. ELAINE MANN. Mayor Bartolomeo stated he would present this later in the meeting or save this until Ms. Mann was in attendance at a future meeting.
3. **PRESENTATION:** REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT DONATION AND INSTALLATION OF SCOREBOARD, LAIRD ROAD PARK, FIELD 2. Mr. Jeff Reisinger spoke on behalf of the Colts Neck Sports Foundation. Mr. Reisinger advised he recently requested and was given approval to install a new scoreboard on Laird Road Field 1. Because of the excellent conditions of the fields at Laird Road, two home games have been scheduled by the ABL. The scoreboard up for discussion this evening was placed in storage in 2014 when it became excess to the needs of Secaucus. The scoreboard face is blue, and it is still under warranty. Mr. Reisinger advised the first game is scheduled for June 29. Township Committee members unanimously agreed, and the scoreboard will replace the scoreboard on Laird Field 2. Mr. Reisinger stated he will obtain the necessary Township permits for installation. Mayor Bartolomeo requested Mr. Reisinger provide him with the two dates scheduled for ABL play at Laird Road.

4. **DISCUSSION:**

- SOURCE MICRO BREWERY – APPLICANT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LICENSED EXTERIOR SPACE, CHRISTOPHER J. HANLON, ESQ., HANLON NIEMANN & WRIGHT. Source Micro Brewery is seeking Township Committee approval for the use of the outdoor patio as part of their ABC State-issued license. Township Committee advised they are in unanimous approval. Ms. Kara to provide letter to the State ABC confirming Governing Body approval.
- DRAFT ORDINANCE – PROHIBITING THE GROWING, MANUFACTURING OR SALE OF MARIJUANA AND RELATED PRODUCTS IN ALL ZONES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP. Discussion ensued, and Mr. Orgo advised this product is grown in warehouses. He is not in favor of growing this product in Colts Neck and is in favor of having it grown elsewhere. Mr. Macnow commented the SADC has ruled marijuana cultivation could occur on Farmland Preserved property. If this ruling stands, owners of Farmland Preserved property could grow and sell this product, and it would be beyond the Township’s control, even with an ordinance prohibiting its growth, manufacturing or sale. Mr. Rizzuto commented he is not in favor of having a dispensary or increased traffic resulting from a location within the Township. Mr. Viola commented the news has daily reports of children are getting into their parents guns and alcohol and possibly their marijuana, and he is not a supporter. Mayor Bartolomeo commented his brother-in-law is a world class grower and this product is grown in warehouses, which would change the entire look of this town. Unanimous consent to introduce this ordinance at the next Township Committee meeting after a final review by Counsel Bennett Clark.

5. **ORDINANCE 2018-12:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-10, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SETTING THE SALARY AND WAGE RANGES FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES was read by title at second reading by Mayor Bartolomeo. Hearing no comments from the Governing Body, Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion to open the public hearing. Mr. Viola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Macnow and unanimously carried by voice vote. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Macnow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rizzuto and unanimously carried by voice vote. Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion. Mr. Orgo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Rizzuto and unanimously carried.

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Viola			X			
Macnow			X			
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6. **RESOLUTION 2018-73:** RESOULUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, TOWN HALL WALKING PATH (\$960.00) was read by title by Mayor Bartolomeo. The change order was resulted from additional work in adding 8 stop bars constructed at the 4 crosswalks. Mr. Macnow commented the Vice President of the School Board requested signs long before the grant was received. Mayor Bartolomeo commented he loves the walking path, and with the Monmouth County Open Space Grant, the Township is

benefitting for half the price. 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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**7. 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 2018-74:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF 2018 FORD F150 4X4 TRUCK, STATE CONTRACT NO. 17-FLEET-00212 (\$30,805.00)

**\*RESOLUTION 2018-75:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF THREE 2018 FORD F350 TRUCKS, STATE CONTRACT NO A88758-T-2101 (\$139,104.00)

**\*RESOLUTION 2018-76:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF 2018 CHEVROLET TAHOE 4WD TRUCK, STATE CONTRACT NO. A89938-T-2776 (\$37,344.47)

**\*RESOLUTION 2018-77:** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR ZONING BOARD APPLICATION NO. 958, BLOCK 29, LOT 10 (2 BLUEBELL ROAD)

**\*RESOLUTION 2018-78:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM COORDINATOR, MS. JEANIE ROSETI

Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion. Mr. Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried.

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**8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Capristo reported the bid for Five Point Road, Phase II, will be opened June 21<sup>st</sup> and award of bid will be scheduled for the next Township Committee meeting of June 27, 2018.

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

Animal Control	\$92.82
Capital Fund	\$33,629.48
Construction Trust	\$13,402.81
Current Fund	\$405,041.28
Escrow	\$1,610.00
Farmland Preservation Trust	\$256.00
Grant Fund	\$1,569.88
Trust Fund	<u>\$11,190.22</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$466,792.49</u></b>

Mr. Rizzuto made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Viola and unanimously carried with the following absentions for approving bills from:

- Mayor Bartolomeo Adams Buchan and Paolo;
- Mr. Rizzuto Fire Department expenditures; and
- Mr. Macnow Sakoutis Bros. Disposal, Inc.

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Deputy Mayor Orgo			X			
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Viola		S	X			
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10. **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Rizzuto reported he attended the Colts Neck PBA dinner, and stated it was a great event to bring the community together with the Police Department.

Mr. Macnow advised this week there were three more auto thefts and one attempted theft. Mr. Macnow cautioned all: don't leave your keys in the car; lock your car and take your keys.

Mr. Macnow commended Morgan Savage and Richard Zarillo for their work for the successful PBA dinner. The money raised by the PBA goes back into the community, e.g., the scoreboard at Laird Road, Field 1. Mr. Macnow stated a lot of PBAs attend, and this is a great event.

Mr. Orgo reported the opening of Hillsdale Road has been delayed until August. Mr. Orgo is following this closely and will continue to provide updates.

Mr. Orgo advised the Planning Board approved the subdivision on Revolutionary Road for three homes. The street will remain narrow and be consistent with the rest of the street.

Mr. Orgo reported the State approved farmland preservation for the Druesne farm on Route 537.

Mr. Orgo advised Ocean First Bank opened June 11, 2018 at the former Sun Bank location. Mr. Orgo advised the Route 537/34 intersection is moving ahead.

Mr. Orgo reported the CNBA-sponsored Fireworks are July 3, 2018. Residents should be receiving a flyer in the mail (posted on the website). Mr. Orgo noted the Fire Department will be barbecuing and the night's events include performances by the Colts Neck Community Band and the ROTC, while the Fire Police will be handling parking and traffic control.

Mr. Viola advised the Environmental Commission is preparing an educational tool that will be posted on the website soon.

Mr. Viola reported he and Mr. Macnow as well as the Township's COAH professionals met with Judge O'Brien. While there was good discussion, there is nothing to share now.

Mayor Bartolomeo reported the Seniors are very concerned about speeding in town. Laurelwood Drive residents are displaying speed flags in an attempt to slow the traffic. Since there are so many roads within the Township, Mayor Bartolomeo commented establishing speed traps is a heavy lift. Suggestions were made for a speed limit sign near the school; however, this is a County road and would require County action. Roads of most concern to the Seniors are Laurelwood Drive, Maple Drive, Clover Hill Road and Bray Street. Mayor Bartolomeo heard reports of motorists going through stop signs and passing stopped school buses, and he urged those witnessing these incidents to call the Police and sign a complaint.

Mayor Bartolomeo commented there are too many tractor trailers on Five Point Road, which has a four ton limit, and increased enforcement is necessary. He stated the Township is planning to pave the remaining section of Five Point Road; however, the overweight vehicles will destroy the paving.

Mayor Bartolomeo reported there are two school referendums planned for a special election in October, and noted the schools are aging and need improvement.

Mayor Bartolomeo urged all to meet in Town Hall Park for the weekly "Sundays with the Mayor." In his absence others will take the lead, and the weekly fitness walks/runs will continue throughout the summer months.

Mayor Bartolomeo reported the first Music in the Park was successful with approximately 100 attendees. The performance was excellent, and children were throwing a ball, enjoying the outdoors. On June 17, the fishing derby is being held at Bucks Mill Park from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. That evening, the Fishing Derby Awards and a Movie in the Park will be held at Town Hall Park, pond-side.

Mayor Bartolomeo announced the Home Run Derby will be held June 23 at Laird Road Park.

#### **11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

Ms. Judith Laufer, resident, questioned what was happening on Bucks Mill Road. Ms. Capristo advised there are drainage issues from excessive rains. Mr. Orgo commented several roads were completely submerged during the heavy rains and are being evaluated.

Mr. Matt Jenkins, resident, questioned if hemp can be grown in the Township and shipped out. Mr. Macnow advised if the SADC ruling holds, it is possible farmland preserved farmers will grow and sell retail, noting you can sell what you grow, even in a non-business zone. Mr. Orgo noted we are so close to the ocean and this crop must be grown indoors. Mr. Macnow noted the Township would regulate to keep this away from parks and schools. Mayor Bartolomeo noted this crop requires warehouse structures on farmland. Corporations buy the farms and individual farmers no longer own the farms, which is what happened in Colorado.

Mr. Nick Deckmejian, resident and reporter for The Journal, commented the sale of CBD oil is already available on Amazon. Mr. Macnow advised CBD is different than THC and urged Ms. Anita Dedalis, Alliance Coordinator, be kept in the loop so that she may keep other Alliance Coordinators apprised of developments.

Mr. Fulton Wilcox, resident, questioned the payment to Chiesa Shainian & Giantomasi on this evening's bills list commenting there was no breakdown. This will be provided to Mr. Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox spoke of the ordinance and resolution for the allowable turn at SH 34 and Public Works Way. Discussion ensued and Counsel Bennett Clark advised the Township did what was required by the NJDOT. Mayor Bartolomeo advised the Township follows the State guidelines and only Police, DPW work vehicles and buses may make the left turn; the Township is not going to fight the State on this issue.

Mr. Matt Jenkins commented some portions of the pavement on SH 34 are very rough. Discussion ensued and he was advised this is a State road; the Township is not permitted to fill holes or cone the problem areas. Plans to remove the concrete base, the blacktop overlay and rebuild the roadway are scheduled in years 2021 and 2022. It was suggested Mr. Jenkins contact Sen. Vin Gopal regarding the SH 34 road conditions, as he is extremely effective in having the repairs made quickly.

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. Rizzuto and unanimously carried by voice vote.

11. **RESOLUTION 2018-79:** EXECUTIVE SESSION. Mayor Bartolomeo called for a motion. Mr. Orgo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rizzuto and unanimously carried. Counsel Bennett Clark advised the Township Committee would not be returning tonight to take formal action.

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Rizzuto		S	X			
Viola			X			
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Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.



Beth Kara, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk