TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 10, 2019, 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 Orgo, who requested Mr. Fulton Wilcox lead the 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 December 13, 2018 stating that a regular meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held on April 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Town Hall. The notice was 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 Thomas Orgo, Deputy Mayor Frank Rizzuto; Committeemen Michael Viola and J.P. Bartolomeo

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

Absent: Committeeman Russell Macnow

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1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2019. Mayor Orgo called for comments and/or revisions. Hearing none, Mayor Orgo called for a motion. Mr. Bartolomeo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Viola and unanimously carried.

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

2. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION:** ARBOR DAY IN COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP, APRIL 26, 2019 was read in full by Mr. Bartolomeo on behalf of Mayor Orgo. This proclamation urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day by supporting efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and proclaimed April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day within Colts Neck Township.

3. **ORDINANCE 2019-8:** AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARY AND WAGE RANGES FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES was read by title at first reading by Mayor Orgo. Ms. Capristo advised this ordinance sets the salary ranges for non-union employees and elected officials within the Township. Hearing no further comments Mayor Orgo called for a motion. Mr. Rizzuto made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Viola and unanimously carried. Mayor Orgo set the public hearing April 24, 2019.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Capristo advised she had no report this evening.

7. MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS:

Mr. Viola stated he reviewed the vouchers and recommends approval of the following:

Animal Control	$16.80
Capital Fund	$55,562.91
Construction Trust	$330.40
Current Fund	$2,592,064.31
Escrow	$5,028.95
Grant Fund	$2,289.00
Trust Fund	$2,000.00
TOTAL	$2,657,292.37

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

- Mr. Bartolomeo *Adams Buchan and Paolo; and
- Mr. Rizzuto *Fire Department Expenditures.

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Deputy Mayor Rizzuto	S	X		X*	
Viola	M	X			
Macnow					X
Bartolomeo		X		X*	
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8. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Bartolomeo referred to the Township's upcoming event calendar noting the Baseball/Softball Opening Day was well attended and overall an excellent start to the season. The Township's emergency services responders, Police, Fire and First Aid, were present throughout. Mr. Bartolomeo reported the Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 13 starting at 10 a.m. at Fire House 1, rain or shine, and is followed by a visit with the Easter Bunny and light breakfast provided by the Ladies Auxiliary. In addition, Mr. Bartolomeo advised the Farmhouse 5K is fast approaching on May 19, starting at 8 a.m. at Town Hall, and local businesses are donating the t-shirts for this event.

Mr. Bartolomeo advised last night the Planning Board approved the plan for the parking lot improvements at Huddy's restaurant.

Mr. Viola reported the Board of Health discussed the increase in the incidence of measles. Mr. Viola provided an informative paper on the pros and cons of marijuana and the public health, and copies are available tonight and at Town Hall and will be added to the website.

Mr. Viola reported he attended the Senior Club meeting on behalf of Mr. Bartolomeo. The Seniors were complementing the Department of Public Works on the timely and thorough collection of brush.

Mr. Viola advised the Shade Tree Commission will be distributing foot long saplings of four species at Town Hall this Saturday between 9 and 11 a.m. as part of the replenishment program to offset the damage caused during Sandy and other storms. The Shade Tree Commission is close to finalizing a presentation of their proposed revitalized memorial tree program to the Township Committee at a future meeting. Mr. Viola noted Shade Tree Commission members are working diligently to complete the Tree City USA application requirements for recertification this year.

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

11. **RESOLUTION 2019-73:**. EXECUTIVE SESSION was read by title by Mayor Orgo, who then called for a motion. Mr. Viola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bartolomeo and unanimously carried by voice vote. Counsel Bennett Clark advised the Township Committee would not be returning this evening to take action.

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Deputy Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Viola	M	X			
Macnow					X
Bartolomeo	S	X			
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Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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

Motion by Mr. Viola to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Bartolomeo and unanimously carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Beth Kara

Beth Kara, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk