

**COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 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 asked Jeff Reisinger to lead the Salute to the Flag. The following statement was read by Township Administrator, Kathleen Capristo: "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 September 25, 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. Lindsey indicated the following:

- Present: Mayor Thomas Orgo, Deputy Mayor Frank Rizzuto; Committeemen Michael Viola, Russell Macnow and J.P. Bartolomeo
- Also Present: Township Administrator Kathleen Capristo; Municipal Clerk Trina Lindsey; and Township Counsel Meghan Ann Bennett, Esq.
- Absent: None
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1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2019. Mayor Orgo asked for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Orgo called for a motion to approve. Committeeman Bartolomeo made a motion to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rizzuto and unanimously carried.

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

2. **ORDINANCE 2019-18:** AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED "TEMPORARY MOBILE RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT" AND AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 243 ENTITLED "FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, RETAIL"

Mayor Orgo read the ordinance by title for the second reading/public hearing and asked for comments from the Committee. Hearing none, Mayor Orgo called for a motion to open the public hearing. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Committeeman Macnow, and a unanimous roll call vote, the public hearing was opened.

Kevin O'Brien, a resident of Colts Neck, commented stating that the number of food trucks allowable on a property should be limited. Mr. O'Brien stated that there will be mud and soil runoff causing environmental issues. Mr. O'Brien opined that employees of the food truck vendors should be screened prior to receiving approval to have a food truck on a property. Mr. O'Brien stated that he is opposed to the ordinance.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Orgo called for a motion to close the public hearing. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by

Committeeman Macnow and a unanimous roll call vote, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Orgo called for a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-18. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Committeeman Macnow and a unanimous roll call vote, the ordinance was adopted.

3. PRESENTATION:

FREEHOLD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – GENERAL ELECTION REFERENDUM.

Colts Neck High School Principal, Brian Donahue, was present to address the public. Mr. Donahue gave a brief explanation and overview of the referendum for the General Election stating that the referendum is for a \$42M plan that will not have a tax increase to tax payers. Mr. Donahue explained that there won't be a tax increase to tax payers because they will be reinvesting the debt service from bonds.

Mr. Donahue further explained that the referendum will be a three (3) part question; the first question will reference essentials such as roofing, paving, security, and reconstruction of the tennis court and track court. The second question will be for flexible learning stations and stem classrooms for mathematical and engineering fields. The third and last question will be for repairs and upgrades to media space to bring it to the 21st century. Mr. Donahue stated that the repairs are a real necessity stating that the tennis and track courts need to be reconstructed as well as the roofing needs repair. Mr. Donahue stated that the students of Colts Neck High School won five (5) state championships last year and received \$19 million dollars in scholarships.

Fulton Wilcox of the public asked what the interest rate for the bond will be. Sean Boyce, Freehold Regional School District, responded stating 3.25%.

CIASULLI RESIDENCE
BLOCK 7.30, LOT 3.17
30 PADDOCK LANE
SPECIAL WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION EASEMENT

AJ Garrito, Professional Engineer, was present representing the applicant. Mr. Garrito presented an exhibit and photo exhibit showing the property how it exists today. Mr. Garrito explained the subdivision that was approved back in 2005 which resulted in the water resource protection easement. Mr. Garrito explained that his client would like to build a pool and a pool cabana which will be in the easement and requires Governing Body approval as well as NJDEP approval.

Mayor Orgo suggested that the applicant carve out a section of that area that will be approved and won't require Governing Body approval, however will still require NJDEP approval. Mr. Garrito agreed and stated he can carve out an area and give it a metes and bounds.

The Committee agreed stating that they see no issues with the proposal if NJDEP approval will still be required.

The Committee approved the request. Mr. Garrito will prepare a final plan showing the carved-out area with metes and bounds and submit that to Township Attorney Meghan Bennett.

4. DISCUSSION:

WILDLIFE COMMITTEE DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committeeman Viola led the discussion regarding the deer management program. Mr. Viola and the Committee discussed designating a public property for a pilot program, the Committee discussed opening Big Brook for the pilot program.

The Committee briefly discussed having Township Attorney, Meghan Bennett draft an ordinance for their review outlining the 150/450 setback requirements and no longer requiring 3 acres for those setbacks. The Committee also discussed prohibiting feeding wildlife and limiting the number of hunting permits per acre, as well as ensuring that the Colts Neck Police Department agrees with the pilot program on public property.

Ms. Bennett will draft an ordinance for the Committee to review as well as speak with the Chief of Police.

5. ORDINANCE 2019-152: AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF BIDS FOR PRIVATE SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

Administrator Capristo stated that the reason for rejecting the bids is because the specifications for the bid will be revised. Once the bid specifications are revised, the township will solicit for bids again.

Mayor Orgo asked if there were any further comments, hearing none, Mayor Orgo called for a motion to approve the resolution. On a motion by Committeeman Macnow, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

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Bartolomeo		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 2019-153:** AUTHORIZING A PERMIT FEE REFUND OF \$100.00 FOR A SOLICITOR'S PERMIT TO JOHN TAYLOR

Mayor Orgo called for comments, hearing none, Mayor Orgo called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Macnow, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

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Viola		S	X			
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7. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Administrator Capristo reported that the Monmouth County shred event is approaching and will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 9:00am – 1:00pm here at the Municipal complex.

Administrator Capristo also reported that the senior citizen flu shot clinic will be held in the courtroom on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 from 9:30am – 10:30am.

Ms. Capristo stated that information for both events are on the township website.

8. MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS:

Committeeman Viola stated that he reviewed all vouchers and invoices and found all to be in order for payment.

Mayor Orgo called for further comments, hearing none, Mayor Orgo called for a motion to approve the bills list. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rizzuto and a unanimous roll call vote, the bills list was approved, and all vouchers were approved for payment.

Committeeman Macnow noted that he recuses from any vouchers involving Sakoutis Brothers Disposal, Inc.

Deputy Mayor Rizzuto noted that he recuses from any vouchers involving the Colts Neck Fire Companies.

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9. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITTEEMAN MACNOW

- Committeeman Macnow reported that he stopped by the camp out/movie night on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Mr. Macnow stated that there were a lot of young families in attendance, and a lot of the attendees pitched tents and camped overnight. Mr. Macnow commented that it was great seeing children do outdoor things like fishing and camping. Mr. Macnow complimented Committeeman Bartolomeo for his efforts in putting that event together.

COMMITTEEMAN VIOLA

- Committeeman Viola echoed Committeeman Macnow's comments on the camp out/movie night complimenting Committeeman Bartolomeo on his efforts putting together a well-attended program.
- Mr. Viola stated that a message regarding white tail deer and the deer management program is on the township website. Any residents with questions or concerns can direct them to the Wildlife Committee.
- Mr. Viola reported that he and the Alliance Coordinator, Anita Dedalis, attended a meeting with the state regarding the funding cut. Mr. Viola reported that the funding cut will stay in place but will be reconsidered for the next cycle of funding.
- Mr. Viola reported that the pig roast hosted by Huddy's was well attended and a great event.

DEPUTY MAYOR RIZZUTO

- Deputy Mayor Rizzuto stated that there is nothing major to report for the Building Committee. The First Aid Squad has taken up their new temporary residence in the library.
- Mr. Rizzuto commended Committeeman Bartolomeo for putting together the camp out/movie night calling it a smashing event. Mr. Rizzuto stated that he stayed overnight for the event and commented on the children and families enjoying the night, the Colts Neck Police Department being present, and the movie all being a success.
- Mr. Rizzuto commented that the Pony Cart rides were held at the library, and if anyone has any pictures of the event to please forward them to him.

MAYOR ORGO

- Mayor Orgo reported that the township closed on the DeGroot Farm which consists of forty-one (41) acres of now protected land.
- Mayor Orgo reported that he attended a state meeting held at Monmouth County. The meeting was a shared services symposium. Mayor Orgo stated that Colts Neck Township was mentioned at the meeting for the multiple shared service contracts Colts Neck has with the County. Mayor Orgo stated that the symposium talked about a program where municipalities receive funds for entering into more shared service agreements with surrounding municipalities.
- Mayor Orgo reported that the Public Works Department cleared several trees, put millings in as well as bleachers at Five Points Park to facilitate spectator viewing for the multipurpose field.

COMMITTEEMAN BARTOLOMEO

- Committeeman Bartolomeo reported that the local Colts Neck Schools referendum did not pass.
- Mr. Bartolomeo stated the Senior Citizen Committee meets next Wednesday.
- Mr. Bartolomeo stated information regarding what is allowable on the multipurpose field must be presented to the residents. Mr. Bartolomeo stated that during the young children's recreational games there have been baby strollers on the field, women wearing high heeled shoes, dogs being walked on the field, etc.
- Mr. Bartolomeo reported for the Recreation Committee he feels there needs to be a steward for each park who will compile a list of the things that need to be taken care of at that park. Mr. Bartolomeo stated that the Recreation Committee will review each list, and during the budget process Mr. Bartolomeo will then report to the rest of the Governing Body what is needed for each park.
- Mr. Bartolomeo discussed having the bathrooms in the Community Center at Bucks Mill Park available to the public stating that it's a great idea.
- Mr. Bartolomeo discussed the possibility of having solar lighting installed at various parks for the signage at the entrances. Mr. Bartolomeo reported that Public Works Director, Lou Bader, has informed him that he has not been able to find a light that would be powerful enough to illuminate the signs.
- Mr. Bartolomeo reported that the Recreation Committee is exploring the idea of bringing the game of Polo back to Colts Neck. Mr. Bartolomeo stated that he has inquired with the Department of Public Works if the Polo field is being used, and it is not currently being used. Mr. Bartolomeo stated that the Recreation Committee will explore the idea further and more information will follow.

Administrator Capristo showed the public a sample of a new street sign displaying the Township logo on the sign. Ms. Capristo reported that unfortunately several of the street signs around town were stolen and will be slowly replaced with the new signs adding the township logo.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Orgo called for a motion to open comments from the public. On a motion by Committeeman Macnow, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a unanimous voice vote, comments from the public was opened.

Susan Fitzpatrick – Commented that the Recreation Committee is not looking to form a Polo team, rather to have an exhibition team who will play twice a year and will try to coordinate that with the fall festival.

Elaine Mann – Commented that she is a former member for the executive board for Polo. Ms. Mann stated that back when there was a Polo team in Colts Neck, the Public Works Department used to come unbeknown to the executive board to mow

the grass and would charge the Polo club \$350 per occurrence for maintenance. Ms. Mann stated that the Polo club owed the township \$33,000 for maintenance which was never collected by the town.

Fulton Wilcox – Mr. Wilcox inquired about the temporary coexistence of the First Aid Squad and the Police Department in the First Aid Squad building asking if there is enough square footage to accommodate both entities.

Deputy Mayor Rizzuto responded stating that there were extensive meetings held between the Police Department, First Aid Squad and the Governing Body. Mr. Rizzuto stated that the bays in the First Aid Squad building are state of the art and in an effort to save money the bays will be used to run the washing machines, hoses, etc. Mr. Rizzuto stated that the First Aid Squad will work around the Police Department utilizing a different path for the time being. Mr. Rizzuto also reported that a trailer was obtained by the township which will be moved to the First Aid Squad building site, and once the construction of the new building is complete the trailer will then be relocated to the Public Works Department facility and will be utilized by the Police Department for fire range training as the police have components of testing that involve testing and paperwork.

Kevin O'Brien – Mr. O'Brien commented discussing a catch basin located by his residence. Mr. O'Brien reported that he raised a concern with the Public Works Department eighteen (18) months ago regarding the catch basin, and it remains unfixed. Mr. O'Brien alleged that the Public Works Department attempted to fix a hole that formed in the catch basin by using a plastic bottle to support the hole. Mr. O'Brien stated that he spoke with Gus, an employee of the Public Works Department, who informed him that the catch basin repair was on the list of upcoming work to be performed by the department. Mr. O'Brien stated that he spoke with Administrator Capristo earlier that day who informed him that there is no time frame to repair the catch basin at this time. Mr. O'Brien stated that he then submitted an OPRA request to obtain the list of catch basin repairs created by the Public Works Department, which Mr. O'Brien stated his OPRA request was denied. Mr. O'Brien stated he then challenged the denial, and later received a list provided by the township attorney.

Attorney Meghan Bennett responded stating that she provided to Mr. O'Brien a list of report a concern from the township website which includes various complaints filed by township residents for various reasons.

Mr. O'Brien stated that he was informed by Ms. Capristo that she would investigate the catch basin repairs throughout the Township with the Township Engineer and investigate funding the repairs. Mr. O'Brien commented that corrective action is required.

John Grabowski - reported that a former member of the Planning Board, George Fessler, passed away and asked everyone to take a moment of silence in his honor.

Jeff Reisinger – Mr. Reisinger commented that he attended the camp out/movie night which was very well attended. Mr. Reisinger commented that the Colts Neck Police Department was present, and the event felt safe enough that he was able to leave his two daughters in attendance as he was unable to stay overnight. Mr. Reisinger commended Committeeman Bartolomeo for his efforts in organizing the event.

Mr. Reisinger commented that he is very involved in the sports foundation and would like the township to consider having the zoning fee waived for the foundation. Mr. Reisinger stated that historically the building department waives all fees for the sports foundation, however the zoning department still charges \$50 per application. Mr. Reisinger explained that the foundation has three improvements in the upcoming future and will have three more in January of 2020. Mr. Reisinger stated that the sports foundation is non-profit organization and the improvements made benefit the township.

The Committee commented stating that they will consider the request.

Nyna M. – Commented that she is glad to see the township addressing the deer issue and thanked the Committee for the time they put in being Governing Body members.

Elaine Mann – Stated that Administrator Capristo stated that she would have information on how much has been spent to date on the architect for the new police building. Administrator Capristo stated that she did not make the commitment to have that information available for this meeting.

Ms. Mann informed the rest of the public present that the township settled with Sakoutis Brothers Disposal, Inc. for \$90,000. Ms. Mann also commented that she was astounded that the Public Works Department bought rakes and brooms from Lowes for a total of \$400.00.

Dave Mann – Commented that there is a house for sale on Bucks Mill Rd that the weeds are approximately 3 ft. high.

Nyna M. – Commented that the township should also investigate the house on Squankum Rd and Koala Rd.

Several residents commented regarding residents feeding wildlife and their agreement with the township to prohibit feeding wildlife in the ordinance.

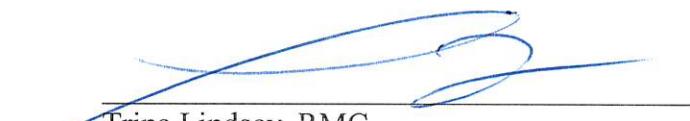
With no further comments from the public, Mayor Orgo called for a motion to close public comment. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Rizzuto, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a unanimous voice vote, public comment was closed.

11. RESOLUTION 2019-154: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Orgo asked for comments, hearing none, Mayor Orgo called for a motion to adopt a resolution to go into closed session. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Rizzuto, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

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Mayor Orgo			X			
Deputy Mayor Rizzuto	M		X			
Viola			X			
Macnow			X			
Bartolomeo		S	X			
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12. MOTION TO ADJOURN: The Committee returned from closed session at 9:18pm. Mayor Orgo called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Committeeman Macnow, and a majority voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:19pm. Mayor Orgo advised the next Township Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2019, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall


Trina Lindsey, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED: 10/09/19