

**COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 9, 2019, 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 Orgo, who asked the Boy Scouts to lead the Salute to the Flag. The following statement was read by Municipal Clerk, Trina Lindsey: "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 October 9, 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: Municipal Clerk Trina Lindsey; and Township Counsel Meghan Ann Bennett, Esq.
- Absent: Kathleen Capristo, Administrator
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1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2019. Mayor Orgo asked for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Orgo called for a motion to approve. Committeeman Macnow made a motion to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rizzuto and unanimously carried.

<b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Orgo			X			
Deputy Mayor Rizzuto		S	X			
Viola			X			
Macnow	M		X			
Bartolomeo			X			
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2. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS:**  
RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 23 – 31, 2019  
Committeeman Bartolomeo read the proclamation and had Anita Dedalis come up to accept it.

**RECOGNITION OF COLTS NECK PRIDE U10 GIRLS TRAVEL SOCCER CHAMPIONS**

Committeeman Bartolomeo read the proclamation and had the U10 girl's soccer team come up front to be recognized and have their picture taken with the proclamation.

**RECOGNIZING ALL FARMERS AND CELEBRATING NATIONAL FARMER'S DAY WITHIN COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP, OCTOBER 12, 2019**  
Mayor Orgo read the proclamation.

3. **DISCUSSION:**  
BEST PRACTICES 2019  
Mayor Orgo explained that the Best Practices Inventory is an annual requirement and every municipality must file by October 30, 2019. The 2019 response yielded 42 yes answers, 6 not applicable (counts as yes), 1 prospective (counts as yes) and 5 no answers. Therefore, the Township received a score of 43.50. The five no answers were # 31(1/2 point) regarding a social media account and N/A was not an option, 46 (1/2 point) regarding public health functions, 65 (1/2 point) vacant

redevelopment plan, 77 (1/2 point) for the Master Plan and 78 (½ point) CSO overflow system, where N/A was not an option.

4. **RESOLUTION 2019-155:** AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID FOR THE FURNISHING AND DELIVERING OF LEAF COLLECTION SERVICES

Mayor Orgo asked for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Orgo called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Committeeman Viola, and a majority roll call vote, the resolution was approved.

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Orgo		X			
Deputy Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Viola	S	X			
Macnow					X
Bartolomeo	M	X			
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5. **RESOLUTION 2019-156:** APPROVING INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE. ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE GRANT

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

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Orgo		X			
Deputy Mayor Rizzuto	S	X			
Viola	M	X			
Macnow		X			
Bartolomeo		X			
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6. **RESOLUTION 2019-157:** PARTICIPATION IN A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN WITH NATIONAL LIFE

Committeeman Viola explained that this deferred compensation plan is offered to the employees as an additional savings plan for the future; there is no cost to the Township for employees enrolling in the deferred compensation plan.

Mayor Orgo asked for any further comments, hearing none, Mayor Orgo called for a motion to approve. 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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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Orgo		X			
Deputy Mayor Rizzuto	M	X			
Viola		X			
Macnow		X			
Bartolomeo	S	X			
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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 2019-158:** ESTABLISHING HALLOWEEN CURFEW HOURS

**\*RESOLUTION 2019-159:** AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF INSPECTION ESCROW FEES FOR G.S. REALTY, INC. PB# 700

**\*RESOLUTION 2019-160:** ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE DANE RICHARDS

**\*RESOLUTION 2019-161:** AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR A STREET OPENING PERMIT FOR BLOCK 7.02, LOT 37, 7 MALVERN COURT

Mayor Orgo read the Halloween curfew resolution in full.

Deputy Mayor Rizzuto and Committeeman Macnow spoke to the resignation of Dane Richards stating that Officer Richards is an outstanding police officer and a great gentleman. Deputy Mayor Rizzuto stated that Officer Richards accepted a position with Ocean Township where he was previously employed prior to joining the Colts Neck Police Department. Committeeman Macnow and the rest of the Township Committee wished Officer Richards the best in his future endeavors.

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

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Macnow		X			
Bartolomeo	M	X			
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**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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Macnow		X			
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**9. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

COMMITTEEMAN MACNOW – Nothing to report

COMMITTEEMAN BARTOLOMEO

- Committeeman Bartolomeo reported that the Planning Board did not meet this month.
- Committeeman Bartolomeo discussed the concerns for the multipurpose field with food, food wrappers, drinks, high heels, strollers, dogs, etc. being on the multipurpose field. Mr. Bartolomeo stated that the Sports Foundation is doing their best to police the field, and a solution for the issue is being worked on.
- Committeeman Bartolomeo reported that Trunk or Treat is coming up which will be held at Bucks Mill Park on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.
- Committeeman Bartolomeo announced that it was Judy Laufer's birthday, who is a member of the Senior Citizens Club. The Township Committee and members of the public wished Ms. Laufer a happy birthday.

COMMITTEEMAN VIOLA

- Committeeman Viola reported that the Alliance Prevention Press is available and urged people who may be interested in volunteering to help the Alliance, to do so.
- Committeeman Viola reported that the Board of Health met. The rabies clinic will be held on January 18, 2020. The flu shot clinic will be held on October 23, 2019.
- Committeeman Viola reported that the family of George Fessler would like to donate a memorial tree with the guidance of the Shade Tree Commission in Mr. Fessler's honor who was a long-time member of the Planning Board.
- Committeeman Viola spoke about a CNBA guest speaker who discussed cyber security at the CNBA general membership meeting. Creating a password that is long with various numbers, letters and special characters.
- Committeeman Viola reported that he will be attending the ribbon cutting ceremony at The Gem this Saturday.

DEPUTY MAYOR RIZZUTO

- Deputy Mayor Rizzuto announced that the Colts Neck librarian, Stephanie Laurino will be leaving the Colts Neck library effective January 1, 2020. Ms. Laurino has been promoted to the Monmouth County library in Manalapan. Deputy Mayor Rizzuto wished her well in her future endeavors, and commended Ms. Laurino on the work she has done increasing the programs offered at the Colts Neck library. Deputy Mayor Rizzuto noted that the book sale at the library is the first Saturday of the month from 10:00am – 1:00pm. Deputy Mayor Rizzuto also noted the Empty Bowl event coming up on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the library. This event benefits the JBJ Soul Kitchen, which is Jon Bon Jovi's charity to fight against hunger.
- Deputy Mayor Rizzuto reported that the Historic Preservation Committee met last night and has a lot in the works. The Committee is in the process of making a small book which will detail historic markers throughout Colts Neck Township.
- Deputy Mayor Rizzuto reported that Country Christmas will be held on December 8, 2019.
- Deputy Mayor Rizzuto stated that the mailbox for letters to Santa will be moved to the library as it is not currently getting enough traffic.

MAYOR ORGO

- Mayor Orgo seconded Committeeman Viola's statement regarding cyber security and passwords urging business owners not to share passwords with their employees.

- Mayor Orgo reported that leaf pick begins October 28, 2019, and hope to be completed by Christmas, weather depending. Mayor Orgo commented that several residents in Clover Hill put leaves out 3-4 weeks prior to the scheduled start date. Mayor Orgo reminded everyone that the ordinance allows residents to put their leaves curbside 2 weeks prior to the scheduled pick up date in their zone.

**10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

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

Bob Sayko commented reading three posts from the social media site Next Door regarding the over population of deer. Mr. Sayko commented that residents are afraid of hitting the deer, afraid of allowing their teenagers to drive, etc. Mr. Sayko commented that in the social media posts on Next Door residents commented in agreement for sterilization and/or hunting for deer management. Mr. Sayko stated that the Township Committee has an absolute mandate to act on this problem sooner than later.

Fulton Wilcox commented that a few weeks back the bills list had a purchase from Lowes. Mr. Wilcox stated that he hopes Beckers Hardware is given the opportunity for these purchases instead of always going to the large chain stores. Mr. Wilcox commented on the upcoming meetings with the Business Association stating that major projects such as the Police Department/Courthouse building will be discussed, as well as affordable housing. Mr. Wilcox stated that information regarding these meetings should be published so those members of the public who attend can come in prepared.

Eileen Paulovich commented stating that Maple Drive is serious condition and has become dangerous for children bicycling and people walking. Ms. Paulovich commented that Tulip is also in the same broken up condition.

Committeeman Macnow explained to the public how the township reviews the township as a whole on an annual basis regarding roadways and curbs. Mr. Macnow explained that annually the Engineer, Administrator and Public Works Director evaluate the roads and curbs and make a list, and then anticipate the funds needed to repair those roads and curbs. Mr. Macnow stated that unfortunately roadways are an endless nightmare with many contributing factors such as inclement weather, water, etc. Mr. Macnow stated that at least 10 – 15% of the budget is spent on roads and curbs. Mr. Macnow urged residents to use the Report A Concern feature on the township website to report any road repair concerns they have so that the township is able to track the issues.

Judy Laufer commented thanking everyone for the birthday wishes.

Lisa Viani commented that there is a speeding problem in Clover Hill, inside the neighborhood and asked if there is a way to reduce the speed limit.

Deputy Mayor Rizzuto stated that the committee would pass the information along to the Police Department and suggested that a sign board may be necessary for that area.

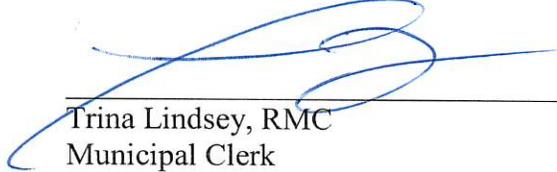
**11. RESOLUTION 2019-162: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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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12. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** The Committee went into executive session at 8:21pm and returned from closed session at 8:41pm. Mayor Orgo called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Committeeman Macnow, and a majority voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:42pm. Mayor Orgo advised the next Township Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2019, 7:30 p.m. at the Courthouse.



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Trina Lindsey, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

**APPROVED: 10/23/19**