**COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP**
**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
**MARCH 12, 2025, 6:00 P.M.**
**TOWN HALL**

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1. Mayor Buss called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Mayor Buss asked everyone to join her in the salute to the flag.

3. Administrator Capristo read the following Sunshine Statement: "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by noticing the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times on January 3, 2025, stating that a regular meeting of the Township Committee would be held on March 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., 1 Veterans Way, Colts Neck, NJ 07722, Town Hall. A copy is on file in the office of the Township Clerk."

   "Further notice was provided to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times on February 24, 2025, noting the meeting time change from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m."

4. Roll call by Municipal Clerk Lindsey indicated the following:

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| Present: | Mayor Tara Torchia Buss, Deputy Mayor Michael Viola, Committeeman Dan Buzzetta, Committeewoman Sue Fitzpatrick, Committeeman Frank Rizzuto |
| Also Present: | Kathleen Capristo, Township Administrator, Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk, and Meghan Bennett, Township Counsel |
| Absent: | None |

5. **Resolution 2025-71:** Executive session – Personnel and Potential Litigation

   Mayor Buss called for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Buss called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Viola, seconded by Committeeman Buzzetta and a unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

   The Governing Body went into closed session at 6:01 p.m.

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| Mayor Torchia Buss | | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Viola | M | X | | | |
| Buzzetta | S | X | | | |
| Fitzpatrick | | X | | | |
| Rizzuto | | X | | | |
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   Mayor Buss called for a motion to return to open session at 7:10 p.m. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Viola, seconded by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick and a unanimous voice vote, the meeting returned to open session.

6. **Proclamation(s)**

   a. Women's History Month – March 2025

   Committeewoman Fitzpatrick read the proclamation and presented it to Anita Dedalis.

   Mayor Buss stated that she attended a State Legislators meeting last night where they honored women leaders. Mayor Buss stated that Colts Neck resident, Gina Scanelli, was honored at that meeting for her work with the non-profit organization she co-

founded, Someone Special Needs You. Mayor Buss stated that the organization serves over 90 individuals and does amazing work.

**7. Minutes**

a. February 22, 2025 – Budget Workshop
b. February 26, 2025 – Executive session
c. February 26, 2025 – Regular meeting

Mayor Buss called for comments or changes to the minutes. Hearing none, Mayor Buss called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Buzzetta, seconded by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick and a unanimous roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented. Committeeman Rizzuto abstained from the February 22, 2025, budget workshop minutes.

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| Mayor Torchia Buss | | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Viola | | X | | | |
| Buzzetta | M | X | | | |
| Fitzpatrick | S | X | | | |
| Rizzuto | | X | | X | |
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**8. Old Business**

a. Ordinance 2025-7: An ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

Mayor Buss read the ordinance by title for second reading/public hearing. Mayor Buss called for comments from the committee. Administrator Capristo stated that this ordinance was introduced at the last meeting and is considered for adoption each year. Administrator Capristo stated that the ordinance allows the municipality to bank funds should the township need to utilize them. Administrator Capristo stated that there are no plans to utilize those funds this year. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Buss called for a motion to open the public hearing. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Viola, seconded by Committeeman Rizzuto and a unanimous voice vote, the public hearing was opened. As there were no comments and/or questions from the public, Mayor Buss called for a motion to close the public hearing. On a motion by Committeeman Rizzuto, seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola and a unanimous voice vote, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Buss called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick, seconded by Committeeman Rizzuto and a unanimous roll call vote, the ordinance was adopted.

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| Deputy Mayor Viola | | X | | | |
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**9. <u>New business:</u>**

a. Ordinance 2025-8: An ordinance of Colts Neck Township in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, setting the salary and wage ranges for township employees

Mayor Buss read the ordinance by title for first reading/introduction. Mayor Buss called for comments. Administrator Capristo stated that during the budget cycle each year, the township reviews each non-union positions minimum and maximum salary amounts and adjusts them accordingly. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Buss called for a motion to approve the ordinance for introduction. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Viola, seconded by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick and a unanimous roll call vote, the ordinance was approved for introduction. Mayor Buss stated that the public hearing is scheduled for March 26, 2025.

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b. Resolution 2025-72: Authorizing award of contract FY 2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program, Improvements to Heyers Mill Road from Conover Road to Heritage Lane

Mayor Buss called for comments. Administrator Capristo stated that the township has received an NJDOT grant for $340,000 for the improvements of Heyers Mill Road from Conover Road to Heritage Lane. Administrator Capristo stated that they expect the work to begin in April or May and barring any unforeseen issues, the work is expected to be completed prior to Memorial Day weekend. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Buss called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Viola, seconded by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick and a unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

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| Deputy Mayor Viola | M | X | | | |
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c. Resolution 2025-73: Authorizing the purchase of a Sharp BP-70C55 55 PPM BW / 55 PPM full-color Workgroup Document System (copier/printer) for the Administration/Clerk's office, Sourcewell Cooperative #030321-SEC, $9,635.80

Mayor Buss called for comments. Administrator Capristo stated that this resolution is to approve the purchase of a new copier/printer for the Administrative offices. Administrator Capristo stated that the current copier/printer will be repurposed to the Department of Public Works who does not produce as many copies and prints as the administrative offices. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Buss called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Rizzuto, seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola and a unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

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d. Resolution 2025-74: Confirming appointment of township professional pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, Suasion Communications Group

Mayor Buss called for comments. Administrator Capristo stated that this resolution is being tabled until the March 26, 2025, township committee meeting. Administrator Capristo stated that there are additional documents that the professional has to provide to the township.

Mayor Buss stated that the hiring of this professional is a result of speaking with many residents in town and in an effort to enhance the township's communication with residents. Mayor Buss stated that the company will assist the township with press releases, communications, websites, etc.

Deputy Mayor Viola stated that during his mayoral year in 2021, the township revamped the website. Deputy Mayor Viola stated that on the new website, residents are able to sign up for news and notifications, so they are informed when something is posted on the website, however, there are minimal subscriptions from the residents.

Committeeman Buzzetta stated that he feels this topic is incredibly important stating that a democracy only works if its public is informed about what the elected officials are doing and where the tax dollars are going.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Buss stated this resolution is tabled until the March 26, 2025, meeting.

e. Resolution 2025-75: Resolution of Colts Neck Township authorizing the settlement agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Mayor Buss called for comments. Administrator Capristo stated that this resolution authorizes the Township Committee to enter into a settlement agreement with the NJDEP. Administrator Capristo stated that this is related to the township's NJPDES permit. Administrator Capristo stated that our licensed operator had difficulties getting certain parameters in line with NJDEP limits due to low flow in the building. Administrator Capristo stated that the problem has been resolved. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Buss called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Rizzuto, seconded by Committeewoman Fitzpatric and a unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

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| Deputy Mayor Viola | | X | | | |
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f. 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.*

a. Resolution 2025-76: Governor's Council on alcoholism and drug abuse fiscal grant cycle October 2020 – June 2026

b. Resolution 2025-77: Accepting the resignation of township employee, Janine Patti

c. Resolution 2025-78: Confirming and certifying Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) credits for 2024 for the Colts Neck Fire Department

Mayor Buss called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Viola, seconded by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick and a unanimous roll call vote, the consent agenda resolutions were adopted. Committeeman Buzzetta and Committeeman Rizzuto recused from Resolution 2025-78.

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| Deputy Mayor Viola | M | X | | | |
| Buzzetta | | X | | X | |
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| Rizzuto | | X | | X | |
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g. Approval of Vouchers

Deputy Mayor Viola stated that he reviewed all of the vouchers and found all to be in order.

Deputy Mayor Viola made a motion to approve the bills list.

Mayor Buss called for a second to Deputy Mayor Viola's motion, seconded by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick and a unanimous roll call vote, the bills list was approved.

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| Deputy Mayor Viola | M | X | | | |
| Buzzetta | | X | | | |
| Fitzpatrick | S | X | | | |
| Rizzuto | | X | | | |
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Committeeman Rizzuto recuses from any bills/vouchers in connection with the Colts Neck Fire Department.

Committeeman Buzzetta recuses from any bills/vouchers in connection with the Colts Neck Fire Department.

Mayor Buss recuses from any bills/vouchers in connection with the shared municipal court with Holmdel Township.

Deputy Mayor Viola recuses from any bills/vouchers in connection with Best Horticultural and Joleen Landscaping.

h. Administrator's Report
None

i. Township Committee Reports

**Committeewoman Fitzpatrick:**

- Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that she attended the monthly executive board meeting for the Colts Neck Business Association (CNBA). Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that the CNBA's annual luncheon will be held at Trump National Golf on March 21, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that the CNBA general meeting will be held on April 2, 2025 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Huddy's Inn. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that the CNBA will host a networking event at Robert DeFalco Realty on April 16, 2025 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated to save the date for the July 3, 2025 fireworks at Bucks Mill Park, hosted by the CNBA.
- Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that she attended the Senior Citizen's Club meeting where the Recreation Director, Colby Marques and the Colts Neck Police Department spoke. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that she mentioned at the meeting that she is the chair of the subcommittee for the 250th Anniversary of our Independence for Colts Neck and that she wants to know if anyone is interested in being an actor for the event. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that she is thinking of a walking tourney and having volunteers in costume to greet the attendees and read a script that will be provided to the volunteers. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that there was so much enthusiasm and so many have volunteered. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that some of the volunteers have costumes, and some volunteers have contacts for fife & drum and re-enactment participants.
- Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that she attended the 25th Anniversary of the Colts Neck Library along with Mayor Buss and Deputy Mayor Viola. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that the event was well attended.
- Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that she attended the Farm Summit, "Resources and Practices" for farm preservation at the Monmouth County Agricultural Center today. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that she is always interested in any resources for farm preservation.

**Committeeman Buzzetta:**

- Committeeman Buzzetta congratulated the Colts Neck High School boy's basketball team for winning the Section 3 Championship game on Friday and the semi-final game on Saturday. Committeeman Buzzetta stated that they will be playing tomorrow night for the Championship at Rutgers. Committeeman Buzzetta congratulated the team and the coach.
- Committeeman Buzzetta stated that he attended the Senior Citizen's Club meeting.
- Committeeman Buzzetta stated that over the last ten years the municipal tax rate, which is the tax rate the township controls have only increased .061%. Committeeman Buzzetta stated that he is impressed by that fact and congratulated the prior elected officials for keeping the tax rate low in Colts Neck.
- Committeeman Buzzetta stated that the Board of Education passed a resolution urging New Jersey and the Scholastic Federation for fairness in women's sports, asking them to adhere to the executive order passed by the President of the United States not allowing biological males to compete in women's sports.
- Committeeman Buzzetta stated that he and Deputy Mayor Viola invited the Board of Education members to meet with them. Committeeman Buzzetta stated that the Board of Ed members wish to wait until they are appointed to the Affordable Housing subcommittee by the Planning Board Chairman.

- Committeeman Buzzetta congratulated the Colts Neck Police Department for keeping the town safe and stated that we can all be proud and happy to live in a very safe town.
- Committeeman Buzzetta sent his thoughts and prayers to the Newark Police Department and the family of the officer who was killed in the line of duty last Friday.

**Committeeman Rizzuto:**

- Committeeman Rizzuto stated that the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has plans to piggyback with Monmouth County OEM and take part in their emergency drill training.
- Committeeman Rizzuto echoed Committeeman Buzzetta's comment and stated that Colts Neck has a historically low crime rate.
- Committeeman Rizzuto urged residents to sign up for news and notifications on the township website and encouraged communication between the township and the residents.

**Deputy Mayor Viola:**

- Deputy Mayor Viola stated that the budget process continues, the 2025 budget will be introduced at the March 26, 2025, meeting and will be considered for adoption at the April 30, 2025 meeting.
- Deputy Mayor Viola stated that the Department of Public Works Saturday Recycling hours will resume on April 5, 2025.
- Deputy Mayor Viola stated that there will be one leaf pick up on March 31, 2025, and brush pick up will begin on April 7, 2025. Deputy Mayor Viola stated that Clean Up Day will be on May 3, 2025, and information regarding this will be in mailboxes soon.
- Deputy Mayor Viola stated that the hearing for final Mt. Laurel compliance was held last Friday in Freehold. Deputy Mayor Viola stated that Special Master Banisch confirmed that all was in order and the township will have 45 days to either amicably resolve issues with Fair Share Housing or appeal. Deputy Mayor Viola spoke about the extension on affordability controls at The Grande stating that it is a valid opportunity for the township.

**Mayor Buss:**

- Mayor Buss stated that she attended the Colts Neck Library 25th Anniversary celebration on March 1, 2025, which was attended by patrons, previous library staff, the Monmouth County Library Director, Committeewoman Fitzpatrick and Deputy Mayor Viola. Mayor Buss congratulated the library and all who have played a role in its success.
- Mayor Buss stated that the Friends of the Library Book Sale will be on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, April 27, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mayor Buss stated that book donations in good condition are being accepted until March 31, 2025 at the Colts Neck Library during regular library hours.

**10. <u>Public Comment:</u>**

Mayor Buss called for a motion to open public comment. On a motion by Committeeman Rizzuto, seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola and a unanimous voice vote, public comment was opened.

Kevin O'Brien, resident, stated that he spoke with Judge Linda Grasso Jones and the township did not negotiate in good faith. Mr. O'Brien asked if the Planning Board will receive the plans at the last minute as they did prior. Mr. O'Brien asked if the public would be kept in the dark once again. Mr. O'Brien commented that Deputy Mayor Viola did not act like a team player with his failure to share the plans with the Planning Board. Mr. O'Brien commented on the Affordable Housing subcommittee stating that this committee has been meeting for several years with no knowledge of the meetings to the public and that the township committee failed to appoint other members to the committee as suggested. Mr. O'Brien asked if the affluent from the septic issue with the new municipal building was being discharged to the pond. Mr. O'Brien asked if the monthly police report can be shared at township meetings. Mr. O'Brien spoke about

the Environmental Commission minutes from September 17, 2024. Mr. O'Brien commented that he spoke with Township Attorney, Meghan Bennett, in an attempt to have the minutes redone to reflect the comments from the public. Mr. O'Brien stated that he could have filed a complaint but did not. Mr. O'Brien stated that Committeewoman Fitzpatrick should be removed from her elected position. Mr. O'Brien commented on the salary and wage range ordinance stating that the salary range is not high enough for the municipal clerk, who does a wonderful job.

Attorney Bennett responded to Mr. O'Brien stating that she has responded to him in regard to the Environmental Commission minutes and stated that the Township Committee does not have the statutory authority to require the Environmental Commission to change their adopted minutes.

Deputy Mayor Viola responded to Mr. O'Brien stating that he has previously covered and responded to the comments and questions Mr. O'Brien continuously speaks about. Deputy Mayor Viola stated that the Planning Board Affordable Housing subcommittee will receive a Round IV Housing Element and Fair Share draft in early April for review and input prior to it being forwarded to the Planning Board. Deputy Mayor Viola stated that this schedule was developed by the Planning Board Chairman. Deputy Mayor Viola stated that the affordable housing subcommittee members are appointed by the Chairman of the Planning Board, not the Township Committee. Deputy Mayor Viola spoke about the letter that Mr. O'Brien wrote to Judge Linda Grasso Jones on January 29, 2025. Deputy Mayor Viola stated that the letter spoke about a sewer plan, in which Deputy Mayor Viola stated that Mr. O'Brien had been advised previously, and it has been reported numerous times that the sewer plan with Naval Weapons Station Earle was vacated. Deputy Mayor Viola stated that the 300 homes as mentioned in Mr. O'Brien's letter no longer exist and there is no obligation from the township to provide anything to Naval Weapons Station Earle. Deputy Mayor Viola spoke about the numbers stating that the numbers were created by the township's engineering firm and were all validated by MRRSA (Manasquan River Regional Sewer Authority) back in 2022. Deputy Mayor Viola stated that Mr. O'Brien filed an OPRA request with the Municipal Clerk's office for documentation regarding the sewer line to Naval Weapons Station Earle. Deputy Mayor Viola stated there is no sewer line to Naval Weapons Station Earle. Deputy Mayor Viola stated that the letter Mr. O'Brien wrote speaks about monies received from the American Rescue Fund. Deputy Mayor Viola reviewed the funds received stating that Colts Neck received $500K+ in 2021 and another tranche of $500K+ in 2022 and those funds were utilized per the law.

Mayor Buss responded to Mr. O'Brien in regard to the monthly police report and stated that Committeeman Buzzetta reviewed the report in his committee review.

Elaine Mann, resident, asked what the ongoing septic problem is with the new municipal building as well as the monthly cost, stating that the cost on the current bills list is over $8,000.00. Ms. Mann asked if the township has the option to pursue the performance bond from the contractor. Ms. Mann asked about invoices paid to Mr. Keys on the bills list. Ms. Mann stated that she attended the Colts Neck Library's 25th Anniversary celebration and people in attendance asked her what happened to the painting that was downstairs in the library. Ms. Mann asked if the township auctioned the painting and if so, could they show what the township was paid for it. Ms. Mann asked why the Township Administrator is being reimbursed for Zoom calls from her home.

Administrator Capristo responded to Ms. Mann stating that the Zoom license is used by the municipal court, and other meetings. Ms. Capristo stated that Zoom will not accept a purchase order therefore she offered for the monthly fee to be put on her personal credit card and the township reimburses her for that charge.

Deputy Mayor Viola responded to Ms. Mann stating that in regard to the septic issue with the new municipal building, yes, the township will pursue the bond and be reimbursed.

Mayor Buss responded to Ms. Mann and stated that she would look into the painting from the library.

Allan Ryan, resident, spoke about the first responders of the First Aid and Fire Department who give up their own personal time to respond to emergency calls and asked that everyone never forget the sacrifices they make.

Melinda Martin, resident, stated that she is concerned about paying a professional to establish how to communicate with residents. Ms. Martin stated that the people to ask are the residents of the town, not a consultant. Ms. Martin spoke about a resident who sends information out in mass emails. Ms. Martin spoke about the Department of Public Works doing damage to the curbs during brush and leaf pick up. Ms. Martin mentioned a discrepancy in the ordinance versus the flyer in regard to brush and leaf pick up.

Mayor Buss responded to Ms. Martin stating that the goal of hiring a professional is to put together communication such as a newsletter. Mayor Buss stated that she does not have the professional skillset to put forth a newsletter, and a municipality has legal responsibilities.

Committeeman Buzzetta responded to Ms. Martin stating that information released to the public is extremely important and the quality of the information is even more important. Committeeman Buzzetta stated that there are people in the township that put forth information to other residents that perhaps mean well, but do not have all of the facts correctly and put forth inaccurate information. Committeeman Buzzetta stated that the township is not only working on putting more information out to the public, but accurate information.

Committeeman Rizzuto responded to Ms. Martin urging residents to speak with the township committee members with questions and concerns they have versus believing all of the information that is put forth by other residents. Committeeman Rizzuto stated that some residents do not accept the facts on certain topics because that is not what they want to hear. Committeeman Rizzuto stated that when you are presented with the facts, accept the facts.

Melinda Martin, resident, thanked the committee for increasing communication with the public over the past few months and commented that it is really nice that the committee responds to each resident after their comment rather than waiting until everyone member of the public has spoken to respond.

As there were no further comments and/or questions from the public, Mayor Buss called for a motion to close public comment. On a motion by Committeeman Rizzuto seconded by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick and a unanimous voice vote, public comment was closed.

**11. <u>Adjournment</u>:**

As there was no further business, Mayor Buss called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Committeeman Buzzetta seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola and a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Trina Lindsey, RMC
Municipal Clerk

**APPROVED: 03/26/25**