RESOLUTION 2025-71

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS the Colts Neck Township Committee finds that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Colts Neck Township Committee as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of any action upon hereinafter specified subject matter;

2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

   a. Personnel confidential pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8);
   b. Potential litigation confidential pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7)

3. The Committee will not take action during closed executive session;

4. It is anticipated that the closed session will last approximately one hour.

5. It is anticipated at this time the above-stated subject matter(s) will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists; and

6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

I, Trina Lindsey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during the regular meeting held on the 12th day of March, 2025

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Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
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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

WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township solicited formal bids for the FY2024 Municipal Aid Road Improvements Program, improvements to Heyers Mill Road from Conover Road to Heritage Lane; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer received and publicly opened ten (10) bids on March 4, 2025 and has made a recommendation to award the following contract, subject to review and approval of New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby awards a contract in this regard as follows:

Vendor: Fernandes Construction, Inc.
25 Stonegate Drive
Monroe, NJ 08831

Total Bid:

Budget Account No. C-02—072-228

Amount: $531,863.74

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer has hereby certified that funds are available under the account listed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Fernandes Construction, Inc..;
2. Glenn Gerken, Township Engineer;
3. Kathleen Capristo, Township Administrator;
4. John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer; and
5. Meghan Bennett, Esq., Township Attorney.

I, Trina Lindsey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during the regular meeting held on the 12th day of March, 2025

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Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

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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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby authorizes 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, as follows:

VENDOR: Shore Business Solutions
1720 Rt. 34
Suite 9
Wall, NJ 07719

PURCHASE: Sharp BP-70C55 55 PPM BW / 55 PPM full-color Workgroup Document System copier/printer

AMOUNT: $ 9,635.80

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND CERTIFIED by John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer, that funds for this purpose are provided through the Capital Ordinance 2024-16, Capital Budget Account # C-02—077-249; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any documents in this regard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Kathleen Capristo, Administrator; and
2. John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer.

I, Trina Lindsey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during the regular meeting held on the 12th day of March, 2025

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Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2025-74

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONAL PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized professional services for various services provided to Colts Neck Township; and

WHEREAS, appointments in this regard can be made without the need of competitive bidding and public advertising pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5; and

WHEREAS, proposed contracts for said services for the year 2025 are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, appointments in this regard and contracts with all professionals so named by this resolution are contingent upon and will not be executed unless and until all provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 are fully complied with; and

WHEREAS, funds for said services will be provided in the 2025 Municipal Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby appoints the following for the year 2025:

1. Susan Adelizzi-Schmidt, Ed.D., MBA, President, Suasion Communications Group

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in full in the Asbury Park Press; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. All professionals so appointed; and
2. John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer.

I, Trina Lindsey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during the Reorganization meeting held on the 12th day of March 2025

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Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2025-75

RESOLUTION OF COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Protection (the "Department") issued a ground Water Permit (the "Permit") to Colts Neck Township ("the Township") on February 25, 2021, which was effective from March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Permit has "effluent discharge limitations" that the Township must monitor and follow as part of its authorized discharge related to treated sanitary wastewater into the Red Bank Rock Formation; and

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that the Township is in violation of its Permit due to excess discharged pollutants beyond the allowed effluent discharge limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that the Township is liable for civil administrative penalties for the alleged Permit violations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:10A-10(d) and N.J.A.C. 7:14-8.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township contests the validity of the violations claimed by the DEP; and

WHEREAS, the Department wishes to compromise on its claims, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14-8.3, and settle this matter; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to settle this claim rather than incurring costs to litigate this issue; and

WHEREAS, the Department and the Township have reached an amicable resolution of the matter; and

WHEREAS, the Department and the Township have set forth the terms and conditions of their settlement of the matter within a written settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Township having thoroughly evaluated the merits of the issues, allegations, and the potential legal costs to be incurred if a settlement is not agreed upon, finds the proposed settlement to be a just and reasonable means of disposition of this matter and in the best interests of the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township, County of Monmouth, New Jersey that the Settlement Agreement is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Attorney and/or the Mayor are hereby authorized to sign any documents necessary to implement and effectuate this settlement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon submission of fully-executed settlement documents in a form approved by the Township Attorney, the Township's Finance Department is hereby authorized to issue a check to the appropriate Department officials or as directed within the settlement documents.

I, Trina Lindsey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during the regular meeting held on the 12th day of March, 2025

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Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2025-76

GOVERNER'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
FISCAL GRANT CYCLE OCTOBER 2020 – JUNE 2026

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Substance Use Disorder in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent substance use disorder in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of Colts Neck Township, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey recognizes that substance use disorder is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent substance use disorder in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Colts Neck Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor's COMMITTEE on Substance Use Disorder through the County of Monmouth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Colts Neck Township, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Colts Neck Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year **2026** in the amount of:

GCSUD Grant Fund	$12,050.00
Cash Match	$3,012.50
In-Kind	$9,037.50

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: _____
Mayor/Head of Governing Body

I, Trina Lindsey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during the regular meeting held on the 12th day of March, 2025

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RESOLUTION 2025-77

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF
TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE
JANINE PATTI

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby acknowledges the receipt of and accepts the resignation of Janine Patti effective April 4, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer; and
2. Kathleen Capristo, Township Administrator

I, Trina Lindsey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during the regular meeting held on the 12th day of March, 2025

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RESOLUTION 2025-78

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND CERTIFYING LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) CREDITS FOR 2024 FOR COLTS NECK FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) was approved by voter referendum in 2003; and

WHEREAS, said LOSAP became effective for eligible First Aid and Fire Department volunteers as of January 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJSA 40A:14-191, emergency organizations participating in a LOSAP shall annually certify to the Township a list of all volunteers who have qualified for credit under a LOSAP; and

WHEREAS; the Colts Neck Fire Department has provided said list of eligible volunteers to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township has reviewed said list and has found same to be acceptable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby approves and confirms the attached list of eligible volunteers from the Colts Neck Fire Department and hereby deems said eligible volunteers qualified for LOSAP credit for the year 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and said list be forwarded to Colts Neck Fire Department for posting at the Fire Department Building for a period of 30 days pursuant to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer;
2. Meghan Ann Bennett, Esq., Township Attorney; and
3. John Sauter, Fire Department Chief.

I, Trina Lindsey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during the regular meeting held on the 12th day of March 2025

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