COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2024, 6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

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

2. Mayor Rizzuto asked everyone to join him in the salute to the flag.

3. Municipal Clerk Lindsey 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 8, 2024, stating that a regular meeting of the Township Committee would be held on December 11, 2024, 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 November 27, 2024, 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:

Present:	Mayor Frank Rizzuto, Committeeman Michael Viola, Committeeman J.P. Bartolomeo and Committeewoman Sue Fitzpatrick
Also Present:	Kathleen Capristo, Township Administrator, Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk, and Meghan Bennett, Township Counsel
Absent:	Deputy Mayor Tara Torchia Buss

5. **Resolution 2024-177:** Executive Session – Contract Negotiations and Potential Litigation

   Mayor Rizzuto called for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick and a majority roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Buss					X
Viola	M	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	S	X			
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   Deputy Mayor Tara Torchia Buss joined the meeting during executive session at 6:04 p.m.

   After closed session, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to return to open session. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a unanimous voice vote, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:00 p.m.

6. **Resolution 2024-178:** Accepting the resignation of township employee, Clint Forgach

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

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	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Buss		X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo	M	X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
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7. **Resolution 2024-179:** Confirming appointment of Probationary Police Officer, Robert P. Santoro

Mayor Rizzuto called for comments. Committeeman Viola and the entire Township Committee congratulated Mr. Santoro. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Buss		X			
Viola	M	X			
Bartolomeo	S	X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
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8. **Oath of Office** – Robert P. Santoro, Probationary Police Officer

Chief DeVito thanked the township committee for all of their continued support of the Police Department. Chief DeVito stated that Mr. Santoro, who goes by the name Bobby, got hired in September and came from Avon by the Sea. Chief DeVito stated that Mr. Santoro is from Middletown where he has been a volunteer for a number of years. Chief DeVito stated that this was an easy decision as Mr. Santoro has excelled in everything the department has asked of him.

Mayor Rizzuto administered the Oath of Office.

9. **Proclamation**

a. National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention month – December 2024

Mayor Rizzuto read the proclamation and presented it to Anita Dedalis, Prevention Alliance.

10. **Minutes**

a. November 13, 2024 – Regular meeting

Mayor Rizzuto called for comments or changes to the minutes. Hearing none, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Buss, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a majority roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented.

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Buss	M	X			
Viola		X			
Bartolomeo	S	X			
Fitzpatrick				X	
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11. Discussion Item

a. Affordable Housing

Committeeman Viola stated that the Township has received a decision from court in connection with the round 3 obligation on affordable housing. Committeeman Viola stated that the township has received a conditional judgement of approval which the professionals and the township will be working on over the next 90 days.

12. <u>Old Business:</u>

a. Ordinance 2024-27: An ordinance of Colts Neck Township in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey establishing Chapter 42 of the code of Colts Neck Township designated as the Colts Neck Municipal Prevention Alliance

Mayor Rizzuto read the ordinance by title for second reading/public hearing. Mayor Rizzuto called for comments from the Committee. Deputy Mayor Buss stated that this ordinance amendment was to clean up the language in the ordinance from the previous name of Drug Alliance to Prevention Alliance. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to open the public hearing. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a unanimous voice vote, the public hearing was opened. Mayor Rizzuto called for any comments from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to close the public hearing. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a unanimous voice vote, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a unanimous roll call vote, the ordinance was approved.

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	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Buss		X			
Viola	M	X			
Bartolomeo	S	X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
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b. Ordinance 2024-28: An ordinance of Colts Neck Township in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, amending Ordinance 2024-13 an ordinance setting the salary and wage ranges for township employees

Mayor Rizzuto read the ordinance by title for second reading/public hearing. Mayor Rizzuto called for comments from the Committee. Administrator Capristo stated that this ordinance amendment is to amend the pay ranges for the part time Fire Inspector. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to open the public hearing. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a unanimous voice vote, the public hearing was opened. Mayor Rizzuto called for any comments from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to close the public hearing. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a unanimous voice vote, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman

Viola, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a unanimous roll call vote, the ordinance was approved.

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Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Buss		X			
Viola	M	X			
Bartolomeo	S	X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
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13. <u>New business:</u>

a. Resolution 2024-180: Authorizing a salary increase for Antonio Cardoso, Code Enforcement Manager, Colts Neck Township

Mayor Rizzuto called for comments. Administrator Capristo stated that this resolution and Resolution 2024-181 are in connection with a resignation of the Fire Official, Matthew Young. Administrator Capristo stated that Phil Engel has been promoted to Fire Official and the current Code Enforcement Manager, Antonio Cardoso will be taking on additional duties with that department, therefore this resolution and resolution 2024-181 are to adjust their salaries accordingly. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Buss, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

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Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Buss	M	X			
Viola		X			
Bartolomeo	S	X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
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b. Resolution 2024-181: Authorizing salary increase for Phil Engel, Fire Official, Colts Neck Township

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

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Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Buss	M	X			
Viola		X			
Bartolomeo	S	X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
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c. Resolution 2024-182: Confirming hiring Colts Neck Township Laborer for the Department of Public Works, Matthew Amoresano

Mayor Rizzuto called for comments. Administrator Capristo stated that was a budgeted position in the 2024 budget. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Rizzuto called for a

motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Buss and a unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

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	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Buss	S	X			
Viola		X			
Bartolomeo	M	X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
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d. 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 2024-183: Resolution authorizing execution of Amendment No. 2 to the Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Holmdel and Colts Neck Township, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey for the use of Holmdel Township's transfer station for recycled materials

b. Resolution 2024-184: Authorizing cancellation of miscellaneous charges and outstanding checks
c. Resolution 2024-185: Authorizing formal transfer of funds – 2024 budget

Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a unanimous roll call vote, the resolutions on the consent agenda were adopted. Deputy Mayor Buss abstained.

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	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Buss				X	
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	M	X			
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e. Approval of Vouchers

Committeeman Viola stated that he reviewed all of the vouchers and found all to be in order. Committeeman Viola stated that there was one purchase order that has been pulled from the bills list, that purchase order was for Keystone Contracting, LLC.

Committeeman Viola made a motion to approve the bill list.

Mayor Rizzuto called for a second to Committeeman Viola's motion, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a unanimous roll call vote, the bills list was approved.

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

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

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

f. Administrator's Report
Administrator Capristo stated that the Monmouth County Park System is requesting approval to host their annual E. Murray Todd half marathon through a portion of Colts Neck Township. Administrator Capristo stated that they will work with the Police Department, as they have done in the past, to ensure the safety of all of the participants as well as the motorists in Colts Neck. The event is scheduled for Sunday, March 9, 2025.

The Governing Body unanimously approved the request.

g. Township Committee Reports

Committeeman Bartolomeo

- Committeeman Bartolomeo had no report.

Committeeman Viola:

- Committeeman Viola stated that Town Hall experienced a septic backup and will be moving forward with the bond company to work on a permanent solution.

Deputy Mayor Buss:

- Deputy Mayor Buss stated that last night the Planning Board met and had two applications scheduled for public hearing. Deputy Mayor Buss stated that one of those applications was Mumford Homes, LLC which was approved to construct a group of 25 homes. Deputy Mayor Buss stated that the board also heard an application for the Colts Neck Pub to pave the temporary parking that was put in place about a year ago.

Committeewoman Fitzpatrick:

- Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that she attended the Thanksgiving Ecumenical service at Colts Neck Reformed Church in conjunction with the Parish of St. Mary's along with Committeeman Viola and Committeeman-elect Dan Buzzetta.
- Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that the Colts Neck Business Association (CNBA) met and elected their new officers for 2025. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that Dino Nicoletta will serve as president again. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that the CNBA also hosted the window painting contest recently, and the students who painted Evolve Salon won 1st place, there will be a breakfast with the art students where the CNBA will present those students with monetary awards. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that the CNBA also donated $500 to the Semper Fi Charity and $500 to the Trees for Troops charity.
- Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that the lifelike Santa Claus and reindeer that are displayed on the township's property on Heyer's Mill Road were

donated by Bob and Ann Wiltz. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that Mr. Wiltz recently passed away and she sends her condolences to the family and thanks them for their generous donation to the township.

Mayor Rizzuto:

- Mayor Rizzuto stated that the township is fully aware of the drone problem all over the state. Mayor Rizzuto stated the township's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has been in contact with the state's OEM office and Monmouth County OEM. Mayor Rizzuto stated that he wishes he had more answers, but it looks like it's something from beyond our shores. Mayor Rizzuto urged residents to be careful and call in anything suspicious that they see.

Public Comment:

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

Robert Sayko, resident, thanked the Code Enforcement Manager for getting rid of the ducks. Mr. Sayko commented about the stop signs that the township has put up in various locations. Mr. Sayko stated that he thinks the signs are intrusive, stating that the town looks like Queens, NY. Mr. Sayko stated that the stop signs take away from the aesthetics of the town and stated that he feels the homeowners should have been asked for input and had advance notice. Mr. Sayko stated that he spoke with a few of the Colts Neck Township Police Officers at the Coffee with a Cop event who stated that the stop signs were put in place for safety reasons with children. Mr. Sayko stated that he feels this doesn't make much sense because the signs are located at intersections and children do not play at intersections. Mr. Sayko commented that he feels speed bumps would be a better solution. Mr. Sayko stated that roads in town such as Laurelwood Drive has a consistent speeding problem so he understands that on some streets stop signs are necessary, however, on smaller streets there is a clear line of site. Mr. Sayko stated that it seems there was no thought as to where these stop signs were placed. Mr. Sayko asked how much all of the signs cost to put up.

Kevin O'Brien, resident, read the following:
Prior Affordable Housing meetings were lead by the Governing Body, requiring public comment, by law. Based on information and belief, The Planning Department Meeting will run the Jan 14 meeting…planning meetings requires **No Public Comment session**…is Colts Neck attempting to silence the public or whitewash our concerns?

Justice William Brennan Jr. wrote in NY Times v Sullivan, "*that public discussion is a political duty, and that this should be a fundamental principle of the American government." Such discussion, he added, must be "uninhibited, robust, and wide-open," and "may well include vehement, caustic, and sometimes unpleasantly sharp attacks on government and public officials.".*

1) Prior to the last meeting, questions were e-mailed to Member Viola and the town's hired consultant…they refused to address the concerns. Viola interrupted me twice as did the Mayor… breaching Robert's Rule of Order.

2) During the prior meeting, a woman asked about the increased traffic at Colts Neck Manor…Colts Neck officials and their experts stonewalled her.

"Since it is a "county road" and there is nothing the Committee can do".

Informing Colts Neck residents what we will be facing would be the right thing to do…be transparent…Colts Neck is also our home.

The math is basic:

360 units X 6.6 trips per day = 2,376 more trips / traffic every day or 867,240 trips a year at just one site.

Mayor this is the 7th time I am asking why overnight parking during the week and parking on the wrong side of the road, a violation of State Law has been repeatedly ignored.

Alan Ryan, resident, life member of Fire Department #2 commented that it has been a rough year for the Police Department and his fellow volunteer brothers of the Fire Department and the volunteers of the First Aid Squad. Mr. Ryan spoke about an accident that took place after Thanksgiving and stated that he wants everyone to realize what the police and the volunteers see when responding to these situations. Mr. Ryan thanked the police and his fellow volunteers for their service and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

14. <u>Discussion of Public Comment:</u>

Mayor Rizzuto responded to Mr. Sayko stating that the stop signs are put in place for safety and are traffic control devices. Mayor Rizzuto commented that this is the first time in his government career hearing a resident speak against stop signs.

Mayor Rizzuto and Committeeman Viola responded to Mr. O'Brien stating that the township has been fully transparent in relaying information and the facts in connection with affordable housing.

Committeeman Viola responded to Mr. Ryan and thanked all of the volunteers for their continued sacrifices.

15. Recognition of Committeeman J.P. Bartolomeo

Mayor Rizzuto stated that he has known Committeeman Bartolomeo since 2008. Mayor Rizzuto stated that JP is a man of the people. Mayor Rizzuto spoke about when he and JP were both interviewing to get on the Township Committee and they became good friends and hit the ground running. Mayor Rizzuto spoke about things the current Governing Body has accomplished such as departments and divisions within the township being revamped and the new municipal building. Mayor Rizzuto spoke about the recreational programs that JP started such as the camp out at town hall and concerts in the park. Mayor Rizzuto stated that those programs were created through the Recreation Department and Committeeman Bartolomeo and were a breath of fresh air. Mayor Rizzuto stated that JP is crazy enough to try things that people say can't be done. Mayor Rizzuto stated that he is proud to see JP's name on the plaque in the new municipal building and commended him for being a selfless person and always doing things for the betterment of the township and not himself.

Committeeman Viola stated that JP has a very unique style and there are several things the public needs to understand about JP. Committeeman Viola stated that he is committed, he is sincere and everything he does is for the town. Committeeman Viola spoke about the relationships that JP has with several people in the township which have resulted in various donations from residents such as road work, work at the multipurpose field at Five Points Park, the fountain at Town Hall and more. Committeeman Viola stated that JP has done a tremendous amount of work in this town in the last nine years and thanked Committeeman Bartolomeo for all he has done. Committeeman Viola commented that he looks forward to seeing Committeeman Bartolomeo enjoy his private life.

Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that when she was elected on the Township Committee, JP helped her tremendously stating that he donated his time to help her hit the ground running. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick stated that JP is a dear friend, and you can see his sincerity in his lovely family, his three sons and his beautiful wife.

Deputy Mayor Buss stated that she is the newest of the committee members. Deputy Mayor Buss stated that when she was elected to the township committee, she did not know JP very well but knew his amazing sons and his lovely wife. Deputy Mayor Buss

stated that JP has guided her, often times as a colleague and also as a younger sister in the ways of politics as she is not a political person. Deputy Mayor Buss stated that JP has helped her avoid land mines, teaching her the ways of the world in government and she is very grateful for everything he has done. Deputy Mayor Buss stated that everything JP has done is reflected in the town. Deputy Mayor Buss stated that she has felt good serving alongside of JP on the Township Committee. Deputy Mayor Buss stated that she brought a plant with the American flag for JP's wife, Kristin, stating that at the end of the day the support of your family, the loss of time and the sacrifices that a family makes is a lot and she wanted to recognize JP's family for the sacrifices they have made throughout the nine years JP has served on the Township Committee and the years prior to the township committee that he has served on various boards, committees and commissions.

Committeeman Viola on behalf of the entire Township Committee and the Township Administrator presented JP with a Colts Neck horse statue.

Mayor Rizzuto read and presented Committeeman Bartolome with a plaque on behalf of the entire Township Committee.

Mayor Rizzuto then called several people from the audience who wanted to present Committeeman Bartolomeo with a proclamation or say a few words.

Glenn Dalakian presented JP with a flag that was flown over the capital on November 21, 2024, to honor JP for his service to Colts Neck Township. Mr. Dalakian read a proclamation about the flag and presented this to Committeeman Bartolomeo on behalf of Congressman Smith's office. Mr. Dalakian spoke about his time serving on the Colts Neck Business Association as President and JP wanting to get to know all of the businesses in town. Mr. Dalakian stated that he and JP spent several months going from business to business in town and getting to know the business owners.

Colonel Sfayer shared a few stories of how he got to know Committeeman Bartolomeo and thanked Committeeman Bartolomeo for all of the work he has done for veterans. Colonel Sfayer stated that the organization JP is a part of, Semper fi Santa just recently raised over $14,000 for veterans.

Chris Adams presented JP with a proclamation on behalf of Senator Gopal's office and thanked JP for his service to the township.

Tom Orgo, former Mayor, commented that he and JP are good friends despite having differences over the years and thanked him for his service.

Jimmy Davis, Mayor of Bayonne stated that he has known JP for 40 years. Mayor Davis stated that JP is a true friend, stating that the township is losing him as a politician, but gaining someone who will work twice as hard. Committeeman Bartolomeo read the proclamation on behalf of Mayor Davis.

Committeeman Bartolomeo thanked everyone for being in attendance. Committeeman Bartolomeo spoke about his journey to the Township Committee stating that he first served on the Planning Board. Committeeman Bartolomeo spoke about several changes in the town such as the revamping of the Department of Public Works and commended the Department of Public Works Director, Lou Bader and his entire staff stating that the town is in the best shape it's ever been in. Committeeman Bartolomeo went through the crowd thanking everyone individually, Nicole Sonnenblick, the Colts Neck Municipal Judge, Chief Sauter and the fire department, retired Chief of Police Paul Santucci, Colby Marques, the new Recreation Director and stated that Mr. Marques is taking the recreation department into the next generation, Chris Montalvo of the Sports Foundation, Dina and Alan Ryan who Committeeman Bartolomeo commented are two of the most selfless people you'll ever meet. Committeeman Bartolomeo thanked his fellow Mayors in the audience, the Police Department.

Committeeman Bartolomeo took a moment to reflect on a tragic incident that took place in the township in 2018 and spoke about his relationship with the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. MaryJane Garibay. Committeeman Bartolomeo stated that when this incident took place the schools had counselors on site to assist the children in the

schools with their grief process. Committeeman Bartolomeo stated that once the counselors were done assisting the students, they left the site, and the schools did not have them there to assist in helping to counsel the teachers. Committeeman Bartolomeo spoke about his relationship with Governor Murphy and stated that he contacted the Governor, and the counselors were back on site at the schools and were there indefinitely.

Committeeman Bartolomeo spoke about his biggest accomplishment being getting people together. Committeeman Bartolomeo stated that this township committee is an awesome committee, and they all do things for the right reasons.

Committeeman Bartolomeo spoke about being a part of the process in hiring the Municipal Clerk Lindsey who has been a great addition to the town.

Committeeman Bartolomeo spoke about the relationship and friendship he has formed with Administrator Capristo and commented that she is the CEO of the town and makes all of us look good.

Committeeman Bartolomeo spoke about the Township Attorney, Meghan Bennett and the friendship they have formed, stating that she has kept him in line numerous times over the last nine years.

Committeeman Bartolomeo thanked his family, his wife and his sons noting that his son Joseph is currently away at college and couldn't be in attendance that evening. Committeeman Bartolomeo thanked his wife, Kristin for all of her sacrifices and thanked his dad who was also in attendance.

Committeeman Bartolomeo thanked his Bayonne brothers for being in attendance, Glenn Gerken, Township Engineer, former Mayor's Jim Schatzle, Russell Macnow and Tom Orgo.

Committeeman Bartolomeo also spoke about Naval Weapons Station Earle and former Captain Callahan who worked with the township to erase all of the previous issues with the base and the township and to form a very healthy relationship. Committeeman Bartolomeo thanked the McCarty family for being in attendance.

16. <u>Adjournment</u>:

As there was no further business, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Committeeman Viola seconded by Deputy Mayor Buss and a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Trina Lindsey, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED: 01/08/25