COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
REORGANIZATION MEETING –TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JANUARY 6, 2024, 4:00 P.M.
1 VETERANS WAY

The Reorganization meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Sue Fitzpatrick followed by a 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 Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times on December 6, 2023, stating that the Reorganization Meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held on January 6, 2024, at 4:00 P.M., Colts Neck Municipal Building, 1 Veterans Way, Colts Neck, NJ 07722. A copy is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

Roll call by Administrator Capristo indicated the following:

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

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1. **Welcome by Mayor Sue Fitzpatrick**

   Mayor Fitzpatrick welcomed everyone to the annual reorganization meeting. Mayor Fitzpatrick gave a warm welcome to guests Assemblywomen Kim Eulner and Marilyn Piperno, County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone, Surrogate Maureen Raisch, Monmouth County Sheriff Sean Golden, Monmouth County Department of Public Works Director John Tobia, Captain Ken Smith and his wife Nikki, former Assemblyman and gubernational candidate Jack Ciattiarelli, and the family and friends of our committee members being sworn in today.

2. **Invocation**

   Reverend Scott Brown of the Colts Neck Reformed Church provided a thoughtful and reflective Invocation.

3. **Remarks by Mayor Sue Fitzpatrick**

   Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that 2023 was a good year for our town despite national inflation and the rising cost of living while our municipal tax increase was zero. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that property values were up, revenue was up which means the township is in great shape for 2024. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that the town received grants for our roads, purchased body armor for our police officers, and purchased Overbrook Farm's 235 plus acres that abuts Naval Weapons Station Earle with the generous help of $3.5 million from Monmouth County and $3 million plus from the United States Navy. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that the township also purchased the Maida property's 28.81 acres that is adjacent to Five Points Park Sports Complex. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that in 2023 the township added 300 acres to our open space and farmland preservation. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that also in 2023 new tennis and pickleball courts were constructed at Laird Road park, again with the help of a grant from Monmouth County. Mayor Fitzpatrick also mentioned the grant the township received from Monmouth County for the much-needed bathrooms at Five Points Park which will be completed this year.

   Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that 2023 was not just about finances, but honoring our residents young and older, our women leaders and volunteers in March for Women's History Month, celebrating the awards of our sports teams and individuals, applauding our Eagle Scouts and their contributions, recognizing a hometown hero, Joe Klecko for his pro football hall of fame induction, coming together as a community for an interfaith service after the tragedy in Israel, and thanking those for their service. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that the Township hired a new Code Enforcement Manager, Antonio Cardoso, who is doing an excellent job getting the department in shape and helping to analyze our codes and making/implementing suggestions to make it more efficient. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that the Township fondly said goodbye to Thom Hennessy who was such an integral part of the community, he is a past Mayor and was the Director of Recreation and Parks. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that the Township hired Colby Marques as the new Director of Recreation and Parks whom she is sure will be a terrific addition to the community.

Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that under the direction of Lou Bader, the Director of Public Works, the Department of Public Works has become a well-oiled machine, literally and figuratively. Mayor Fitzpatrick commented that the town has never looked better. Mayor Fitzpatrick commented that maintaining the "gem" of Monmouth County is a big task with 110 miles of roads. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that brush and leaf pick up has been seamless and on time as well. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that there was also a special clean up day pick up for senior citizens and those with disabilities who had to call the Department of Public Works to be placed on a list for pick up of bulk items. Mayor Fitzpatrick reminded residents to have their Christmas tree placed at the curb no later than January 8, 2024, stating that Christmas tree pick up is a one time pick up.

Mayor Fitzpatrick spoke about the new municipal building stating that the township's employees happily moved in mid-May of 2023 while the Police Department was able to move in late September. Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked the Chief of Police, Paul Santucci, and the entire police department for working so diligently to receive accreditation and to successfully meet all of the requirements for establishing residence in the new municipal building. Mayor Fitzpatrick also thanked the First Aid Squad for their patience in this transition and for loaning the township their building for temporary housing of the Police Department.

Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that the job of the Township Committee is to preserve the community and to plan for the future, which is what the Township Committee has done and will continue to do.

Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that it has been her honor to serve as the Mayor. Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked the residents for their support as well as her fellow committeeman and committeewoman. Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked her fellow committee members for their encouragement and for all that they do for Colts Neck. Mayor Fitzpatrick also thanked the staff of Colts Neck Township stating that she had the opportunity to get to know everyone on a more personal level during her office hours every week. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that the town is fortunate to have such great people taking care of our town, from the town's hard-working Administrator, Kathleen Capristo to the finance department and all in between.

Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked her family, her daughter Meghan who is her biggest cheerleader, and especially her husband, Jim, for always being there to lend a hand and for his patience when her time was needed and required elsewhere.

Mayor Fitzpatrick wished everyone a healthy and prosperous 2024. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked God to continue to bless this fair town and to watch over our great nation.

4. **Swearing in of elected Committeeman Michael Viola**

Committeeman Viola was sworn in by Jack Ciattarelli.

Committeeman Viola stated that in January of 2018, in this location, though on the ground floor, he took the oath of office for the first time as a member of the Township Committee and today, he took the oath for the last time.

Committeeman Viola stated in his remarks from 2018, he referred to Colts Neck as the jewel of Monmouth County suggesting the stone needed polish.

Committeeman Viola stated that a brief view of the polish the Governing Body has led over the past six years:

- Built a 4+ acre multi-purpose turf field at Five Points Park
- Acquired/preserved over 300 acres increasing our total inventory over 12%
- Since 2019 we have received $725,000 a year in grants
- Increased budgets surplus to more than $4.5 million annually
- Implemented "Pay as you go" self-financing to the annual capital budget (pay for capital projects from surplus)
- Maintained an AA++ and AA11 credit rating (highest for our township) affording the township the best rates available in public financing (when nec-> pres/acq)
- Kept a lid on taxes rising only 3.91% over the six-year period
- Resurfaced almost 20 miles of roads
- Replaced almost 5 linear miles of curbs
- Repaired/replaced 129 inlets

- Rebuilt two tennis courts/pickleball courts at Laird Park with $140k open space funding provided by Monmouth County
- Under the leadership of Colts Neck Police Department Chief Paul Santucci, Lieutenant's Caswell, DeVito, and Mayer received full accreditation from the NJ Cop Association
- Built this $10 million dollar building and delivered on budget at 2.28%
- Purchased a new engine/pumper for the Colts Neck Fire Department costing $760k+

Committeeman Viola stated that as a Governing Body and as residents of Colts Neck Township we owe our thanks to our excellent staff lead by the Business Administrator, Kathleen Capristo, as well as all of the department heads, and staff members for their tremendous contributions toward attaining these results, thank you.

Committeeman Viola stated that his commitment, energy and focus will remain, and he will continue to do all he can each and every day to preserve, protect and defend the quality of life in Colts Neck.

5. **Swearing in of elected Committeewoman Tara Torchia Buss**
Committeewoman Buss was sworn in by Assemblywoman Kim Eulner

6. **Open nominations for 2024 Mayor**
Mayor Fitzpatrick called for nominations for 2024 Mayor. Committeeman Viola nominated Frank Rizzuto, his nomination was seconded by Committeewoman Buss, and a unanimous roll call vote. Frank Rizzuto was named Mayor 2024.

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Fitzpatrick		X			
Rizzuto		X			
Torchia Buss	S	X			
Viola	M	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote	NV - Not Voting		Ab - Absent		

7. **Swearing in of Mayor Rizzuto**
Mayor Rizzuto was sworn in by Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden.

8. **Presentation of gavels**
Mayor Rizzuto was presented a 2024 Mayor's gavel by former Mayor Fitzpatrick. Mayor Rizzuto then presented the 2023 Mayor's gavel to former Mayor Fitzpatrick.

9. **Remarks by Mayor Rizzuto**
Mayor Rizzuto welcomed all in attendance and thanked everyone for coming to the 2024 Reorganization meeting. Mayor Rizzuto thanked the Captain Smith from Naval Weapons Station Earle, the elected officials, the volunteers from the Fire Department and First Aid Squad as well as the members of the Police Department in attendance. Mayor Rizzuto thanked former Mayor Fitzpatrick for a great year in 2023 and thanked for her family for their sacrifices and efforts as well. Mayor Rizzuto commented that the flag decorations and other various decorations seen around Cedar Drive and Town Hall during holidays such as Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day are all done by former Mayor Fitzpatrick and her family on their own personal time.

Mayor Rizzuto spoke about the progress of the town stating that Colts Neck has shown progress and will continue to progress. Mayor Rizzuto reflected on being the Mayor in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic stating that the town was able to get through the pandemic very well. Mayor Rizzuto stated that Colts Neck emerged from the pandemic in a strong financial position. Mayor Rizzuto stated that Colts Neck is heading into 2024 with a very robust surplus which is because of the town's professionals such as the Business Administrator, Kathleen Capristo, the Chief Financial Officer, John Antonides, and the rest of the staff members. Mayor Rizzuto also spoke about the leadership on the County level which helps Colts Neck maintain the township and preserve land. Mayor Rizzuto asked County Commissioner Director, Tom Arnone to come up and say a few words.

Mr. Arnone spoke briefly about Monmouth County being a very diverse County and that Colts Neck is consistent with its success. Mr. Arnone thanked the residents for having faith in the elected officials and wished Mayor Rizzuto a very successful year.

10. **Open nominations for 2024 Deputy Mayor**

Mayor Rizzuto called for nominations for 2024 Deputy Mayor. Committeewoman Fitzpatrick nominated Committeewoman Buss for 2024 Deputy Mayor, her nomination was seconded by Committeeman Viola, and a unanimous roll call vote. Committeewoman Buss was named 2024 Deputy Mayor.

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Torchia Buss		X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	M	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote		NV - Not Voting		Ab - Absent	

11. **Swearing in of 2024 Deputy Mayor, Tara Torchia Buss**

Deputy Mayor Buss was sworn in by Assemblywoman Marilyn Piperno.

12. **Remarks by Deputy Mayor Buss**

Deputy Mayor Buss thanked the entire audience for taking the time to come to the Colts Neck Township Reorganization meeting. Deputy Mayor Buss thanked her family and friends, many whom were in attendance to show their support. Deputy Mayor Buss stated that the time, energy, and effort that goes into being on the Township Committee is tremendous and her family and friends have been there to support her and encourage her. Deputy Mayor Buss thanked the township volunteers and the township employees for all of their hard work and dedication to Colts Neck. Deputy Mayor Buss thanked former Mayor Fitzpatrick for her leadership in 2023 stating being Mayor is a tough job and Mayor Fitzpatrick did the job with tremendous effort that everyone appreciates. Deputy Mayor Buss congratulated Committeeman Viola for his reelection stating that it has been a great honor to serve on the township committee with him for the past three years and she looks forward to doing so for another three years. Deputy Mayor Buss congratulated Mayor Rizzuto stating it will be an honor to serve as his Deputy Mayor this year, and she is looking forward to a great 2024.

13. **Announcement – Township Committee Liaison assignments for 2024**

Mayor Rizzuto read the following:

MAYOR RIZZUTO

Emergency Management
First Aid
Historic Preservation Committee
Naval Weapons Station Earle
Planning Board Class I
County/State Government
Police Department
Affordable Housing

DEPUTY MAYOR BUSS

Fire Department
Architectural Review Committee
Board of Health
Prevention Alliance
Friends of the Library
The Grande
Naval Weapons Station Earle
Planning Board Class III

COMMITTEEMAN VIOLA

Public Works/Buildings and Grounds
Affordable Housing

Finance
Litigation/Steering Committee
Senior Citizens
Recreation Committee

COMMITTEEMAN BARTOLOMEO

Local/Regional Schools
Long Range Planning
Code Enforcement
Shade Tree Commission
Sports Foundation
Personnel Committee

COMMITEEWOMAN FITZPATRICK

Environmental Commission
Farmland and Open Space Committee
Green Team Advisory Committee
Colts Neck Business Association
Personnel Committee
Long Range Planning
Code Enforcement

14. **Mayor's appointments:**
Mayor Rizzuto read the following:

Planning Board

CLASS I- FRANK RIZZUTO	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
CLASS II – LOUIS BADER	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
CLASS III – TARA TORCHIA BUSS	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
ALTERNATE 1 – CHRISTINE VISCI	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25

Board of Adjustment

DINO NICOLETTA	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/27
STEVE DNISTRIAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/27
ALTERNATE 1 – PHIL KORNBLUH	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25

Board of Health

TARA TORCHIA BUSS, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24

Shade Tree Commission

J.P. BARTOLOMEO, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
PATRICIA EASTMAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/28
DINA RYAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/28
JOHN CLEMENTE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/28

Environmental Commission

MAYOR APPOINTS THOMAS HENNESSEY AS CHAIR FOR 2024

SUE FITZPATRICK, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
THOMAS PACHECO	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
THERESA VELARDI	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
DAN BUZZETTA	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26

Recreation Committee

MICHAEL VIOLA, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
VERONICA SULLIVAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
JIM FITZPATRICK	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
AJ GARITO	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24

Farmland and Open Space Committee

SUE FITZPATRICK, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
JENA COSIMO	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
KEVIN O'CONNOR	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
SCOTT BRITTON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
KEVIN CASEY	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24

Architectural Review Committee

TARA TORCHIA BUSS, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
TERESA DANILE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
MICHAEL TAESCHLER	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26

Historic Preservation Committee

FRANK RIZZUTO, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
MARY FOURNIER	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
JEANETTE MORIARTY	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
NICHOLAS MORETTA	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26

Local Emergency Planning Committee

FRANK RIZZUTO, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
JAMES SCHATZLE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26

Green Team Advisory Committee

SUE FITZPATRICK	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
RUSSELL HICKS	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
THOM HENNESSY, CHAIR	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
ELIZABETH WILK	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
JOHN VIG	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
ALISON DENOIA	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
SANDY FREEMAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
DR. ROHINI SINGH	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
TERESA DANILE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
BOB LUTKEWITTE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24

15. **Resolution 2024-1**: Confirming appointment of Township Professionals pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5

Mayor Rizzuto called for comments. Hearing none, 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 resolution was adopted.

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

16. **Resolution 2024-2:** Confirming appointments to the Planning Board

Mayor Rizzuto called for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Deputy Mayor Buss 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	S	X			
Viola	M	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote	NV - Not Voting		Ab - Absent		

17. **Resolution 2024-3:** Confirming appointments to the Board of Adjustment

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 Viola 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	M	X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote	NV - Not Voting		Ab - Absent		

18. **Resolution 2024-4:** Confirming appointments to the Board of Health

Mayor Rizzuto called for comments. Hearing none, 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 resolution was adopted.

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

19. **Resolution 2024-5:** Confirming appointments to the Shade Tree Commission

Mayor Rizzuto called for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Buss 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	S	X			
Viola		X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	M	X			

M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent

20. **Resolution 2024-6:** Confirming appointments to the Environmental Commission

Mayor Rizzuto called for comments. Hearing none, 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 resolution was adopted.

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

21. **Resolution 2024-7:** Confirming appointments to the Recreation Committee

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 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		X			
Fitzpatrick	S	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

22. **Resolution 2024-8:** Confirming appointments to the Farmland and Open Space Committee

Mayor Rizzuto called for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Buss, seconded by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick 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	M	X			
Viola		X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	S	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

23. **Resolution 2024-9:** Confirming appointments to the Architectural Review Committee

Mayor Rizzuto called for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Deputy Mayor Buss 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	S	X			
Viola	M	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote	NV - Not Voting		Ab - Absent		

24. **Resolution 2024-10:** Confirming appointments to the Historic Preservation Committee

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 Viola 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	M	X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote	NV - Not Voting		Ab - Absent		

25. **Resolution 2024-11:** Confirming appointments to the Local Emergency Planning Committee

Mayor Rizzuto called for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Buss, seconded by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick 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	M	X			
Viola		X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	S	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote	NV - Not Voting		Ab - Absent		

26. **Resolution 2024-12:** Confirming appointments to the Green Team Advisory Committee

Mayor Rizzuto called for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Buss 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	S	X			
Viola		X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	M	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote	NV - Not Voting		Ab - Absent		

27. **Recognizing John Sauter, Chief of the Colts Neck Fire Department, Michael Cusate, Deputy Chief of the Colts Neck Fire Department, Captain of the First Aid Squad, Gregory Williams and President of the First Aid Squad, Martha Leonhardt**

Mayor Rizzuto briefly spoke about being a retired police officer and a member of the Colts Neck Volunteer Fire Department and how near and dear emergency services are to his heart. Mayor Rizzuto thanked all of the volunteers for their service.

28. **Oath of Office John Sauter, Chief of the Colts Neck Fire Department, Michael Cusate, Deputy Chief of the Colts Neck Fire Department, Captain of the First Aid Squad, Gregory Williams and President of the First Aid Squad, Martha Leonhardt**
Mayor Rizzuto administered the oaths of office for John Sauter and Michael Cusate. Gregory Williams and Marth Leonhardt were not in attendance.

29. **Motion to adopt a Consent Agenda**: Mayor Rizzuto read the following: 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 2024-13__: Confirming designation of municipal depositories

*__Resolution 2024-14__: Authorizing adoption of a temporary budget for 2024

*__Resolution 2024-15__: Authorizing establishment of fees, penalties, and interest rates for 2024

*__Resolution 2024-16__: Authorizing pre-payment of certain items

*__Resolution 2024-17__: Authorizing Colts Neck Township's Cash Management Plan

*__Resolution 2024-18__: Confirming appointment of Community Development Representative, Kathleen Capristo

*__Resolution 2024-19__: Confirming designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer P.A.C.O., Kathleen Capristo

*__Resolution 2024-20__: Confirming appointment of Mid Jersey Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner, Kathleen Capristo

*__Resolution 2024-21__: Confirming appointment of Recycling Coordinator, Jeanie Roseti

*__Resolution 2024-22__: Approving use of Robert's Rules of Order for Township Committee Meetings

*__Resolution 2024-23__: Designation of official township newspapers

*__Resolution 2024-24__: Requiring direct deposit of payroll checks

*__Resolution 2024-25__: Authorizing cancellation of tax debit and credit balances of less than $5.00

*__Resolution 2024-26__: Payment of claims, claimant's signature for payment

*__Resolution 2024-27__: Authorizes the Tax Collector to conduct an electronic tax sale on delinquent property taxes

*__Resolution 2024-28__: Confirming 2024 Township Committee Meeting Schedule

*__Resolution 2024-29__: Appointing Custodian of Records for the Colts Neck Police Department

*__Resolution 2024-30__: Confirming appointment of Colts Neck Township Fire Official, Philip Engel

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 Viola 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	M	X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote	NV - Not Voting		Ab - Absent		

30. Public Comment

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

Allan Ryan, resident, commented that he is a lifetime member of the Colts Neck Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Ryan congratulated Chief John Sauter and Deputy Chief Michael Cusate. Mr. Ryan commented that he is a proud member of the department and that he cannot say enough about the volunteers of the Fire Department, First Aid Squad, and the Fire Police in Colts Neck. Mr. Ryan wished Mayor Rizzuto a very successful year. Mr. Ryan stated God Bless Colts Neck and God Bless America.

Kevin O'Brien, resident, commented that for the third time he has received no response from the township regarding violations that he has brought forward. Mr. O'Brien stated that nightly patrols from the Police Department are not taking place in his section of town. Mr. O'Brien spoke about township ordinances being followed are the responsibility of the Mayor and stated that he hopes Mayor Rizzuto will uphold the town's ordinances. Mr. O'Brien spoke about a disabled vehicle that was on Route 34 for two days and questioned why the vehicle was not removed for two days. Mr. O'Brien spoke about parking violations throughout the township and spoke about a warning system being put in place by the police department and stated he looks forward to hearing back regarding putting this system in place. Mr. O'Brien spoke about the township committee meetings being recorded and made available to the public who is unable to attend. Mr. O'Brien commented that he does not understand why the Governing Body is against recording the township meetings.

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

31. Final comments by Mayor Rizzuto

Mayor Rizzuto thanked everyone for attending the meeting especially in inclement weather. Mayor Rizzuto invited all to immediately after the meeting join him and the rest of the Township Committee at Huddy's Inn. Mayor Rizzuto invited everyone to bring their family and friends to Huddy's Inn as well.

32. Motion to adjourn

Mayor Rizzuto called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Committeewoman Fitzpatrick and a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:07pm.

Trina Lindsey, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED: 01/31/24

RESOLUTION 2024-1

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONALS 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 2024 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 2024 Municipal Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby appoints the following for the year 2024:

1. Associate Humane Society Inc., Animal Control;
2. Meghan Bennett, Esq., Dilworth Paxson, LLP, Alternate Bond Counsel;
3. Meghan Bennett, Esq., Dilworth Paxson, LLP, Township Attorney;
4. Meghan Bennett, Esq., Dilworth Paxson, LLP, Conflict/Alternate Prosecutor
5. Glenn R. Gerken, P.E., P.P., T&M Associates, Township Engineer;
6. Matthew Giacobbe, Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC, Labor Counsel
7. Ronald L. Israel, Chiesa, Shahinian & Giantomasi, Special Counsel, Affordable Housing
8. Elizabeth McManus, Kyle & McManus, Planner Affordable Housing
9. Brian J. Molloy, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., US Navel Weapons Stating EARLE
10. David Pulchalski, Newfields Companies, LLC, Consultant, Affordable Housing
11. Raymond Sarinelli, Jr., CPA, RMA, PSA, NISIVOCCIA, LLP, Auditor;
12. Michael Steib, Michael B. Steib, P.A., Zoning Board Counsel
13. Michael Steib, Michael B. Steib, P.A., Special Counsel
14. Michael Steib, Michael B. Steib, P.A., Planning Board Counsel
15. T. Andrew Thomas, Thomas Planning Associates, LLC, Consultant, Affordable Housing
16. Valley Medical Group (VMG), Valley Health Systems, Random Drug/Alcohol Testing
17. Anthony J. Vecchio, Law Office of Anthony J. Vecchio, LLC, Prosecutor
18. Visiting Nurse Association, Home Health Services
19. Kevin P. Wigenton, Wigenton Law Firm, Conflict Public Defender
20. Ronald D. Cucchiaro, Weiner Law Group, LLP, Special Counsel
21. Michael Pappa, Rudnick, Addonizio, Pappa & Casazza, PC, Public Defender
22. Christopher Brown, Bruno Associates, LLC, Grant Consulting
23. Anthony Inverso, Phoenix Advisors, Financial Expert and Bond Advisor

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss		X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	M	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

RESOLUTION 2024-2

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that pursuant to Chapter 102 of the Code of Colts Neck Township that the following appointments are confirmed to the Planning Board:

CLASS I- FRANK RIZZUTO	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
CLASS II – LOUIS BADER	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
CLASS III – TARA TORCHIA BUSS	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
ALTERNATE 1 – CHRISTINE VISCI	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25

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

1. All members listed above;
2. Timothy Anfuso, P.P., Township Planner; and
3. Colts Neck Township Planning Board Chairman

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss	S	X			
Viola	M	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

RESOLUTION 2024-3

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that pursuant to Chapter 102 of the Code of Colts Neck Township that the following appointments are confirmed to the Board of Adjustment:

DINO NICOLETTA	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/27
STEVE DNISTRIAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/27
ALTERNATE 1 – PHIL KORNBLUH	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25

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

1. All members listed above;
2. Timothy Anfuso, P.P., Township Planner; and
3. Colts Neck Township Board of Adjustment

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss	M	X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

RESOLUTION 2024-4

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS
TO THE
BOARD OF HEALTH

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Code of Colts Neck Township that the following appointments are confirmed to the Colts Neck Board of Health:

TARA TORCHIA BUSS, LIAISON TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24

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

1. Members listed above;
2. Thomas Frank, Health Officer; and
3. Colts Neck Board of Health.

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss		X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	M	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

RESOLUTION 2024-5

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS
TO THE
SHADE TREE COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that pursuant to Chapter 62 of the Code of Colts Neck Township that the following appointments are confirmed to the Colts Neck Shade Tree Commission:

J.P. BARTOLOMEO, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
PATRICIA EASTMAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/28
DINA RYAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/28
JOHN CLEMENTE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/28

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

1. All members listed above; and
2. Colts Neck Shade Tree Commission

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss	S	X			
Viola		X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	M	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

RESOLUTION 2024-6

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS
TO THE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that pursuant to Chapter 24 of the Code of Colts Neck Township that the following appointments are confirmed to the Colts Neck Environmental Commission:

MAYOR APPOINTS THOMAS HENNESSEY AS CHAIR FOR 2024

SUE FITZPATRICK, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
THOMAS PACHECO	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
THERESA VELARDI	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
DAN BUZZETTA	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26

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

1. All members so appointed above; and
2. Colts Neck Environmental Commission

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss		X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	M	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote		NV - Not Voting		Ab - Absent	

RESOLUTION 2024-7

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that pursuant to Chapter 57 of the Code of Colts Neck Township that the following appointments are confirmed to the Recreation Committee:

MICHAEL VIOLA, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
VERONICA SULLIVAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
JIM FITZPATRICK	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
AJ GARITO	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24

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

1. All members so appointed;
2. Colby Marques; Director, Recreation and Parks; and
3. Recreation Committee

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss		X			
Viola	M	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	S	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote		NV - Not Voting		Ab - Absent	

RESOLUTION 2024-8

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS
TO THE
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Code of Colts Neck Township that the following appointments are confirmed to the Farmland and Open Space Committee:

SUE FITZPATRICK, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
JENA COSIMO	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
KEVIN O'CONNOR	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
SCOTT BRITTON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
KEVIN CASEY	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24

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

1. All members so appointed; and
2. Farmland and Open Space Committee.

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss	M	X			
Viola		X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	S	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

RESOLUTION 2024-9

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS
TO THE
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Code of Colts Neck Township that the following appointments are confirmed to the Architectural Review Committee:

TARA TORCHIA BUSS, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
TERESA DANILE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
MICHAEL TAESCHLER	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26

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

1. Members so appointed; and
2. Architectural Review Committee.

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
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Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss	S	X			
Viola	M	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote		NV - Not Voting		Ab - Absent	

RESOLUTION 2024-10

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS
TO
THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Code of Colts Neck Township that the following appointments be and are confirmed to the Historic Preservation Committee:

FRANK RIZZUTO, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
MARY FOURNIER	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
JEANETTE MORIARTY	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
NICHOLAS MORETTA	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26

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

1. All member so appointed; and
2. Historical Preservation Committee.

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
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Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss	M	X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

RESOLUTION 2024-11

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS
TO THE
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that pursuant to Chapter 38 of the Code of Colts Neck Township that the following appointment be and is confirmed to the Local Emergency Planning Committee:

FRANK RIZZUTO, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
JAMES SCHATZLE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26

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

1. Members above so appointed; and
2. Local Emergency Planning Committee.

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
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Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss	M	X			
Viola		X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	S	X			
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RESOLUTION 2024-12

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township strives to save tax dollars, ensure clean air and water, and improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically and socially; a community which will thrive well into the 21st century.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with Green Community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to focus attention on "green" issues, the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township wishes to establish a Green Team Advisory Committee (GTAC); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township wants to begin the process of focusing on "green" issues with audits of municipal facilities and operation first; and

WHEREAS, solar power, changes to fleet purchasing and maintenance, water quality improvements, and operational changes will be considered as the Township intends to do their share to lessen the environmental impact of its operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby reappoints the following Green Team Advisory Committee members through December 31, 2024:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that the following people are hereby reappointed to the GTAC for 2024:

Sue Fitzpatrick, Liaison
Thomas Hennessy, Jr. - Chairman
Russell Hicks
Elizabeth Wilk
John Vig
Alison DeNoia
Sandy Freeman
Dr. Rohini Singh
Teresa Danile
Robert Lutkewitte

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

1. All members 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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
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Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss	S	X			
Viola		X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	M	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

RESOLUTION 2024-13

CONFIRMING DESIGNATION OF MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORIES

WHEREAS, Title 17:9-9 and N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 provide for the designation of depositories for municipal funds by resolution of the Governing Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that the following banks be designated for deposit of Township funds:

The Bank of America

Citizens Bank

Kearny Bank

Manasquan Bank

Ocean First Bank

PNC Bank

State Street Bank & Trust Company, State of NJ Cash Management Fund

Valley Bank

Wells Fargo Bank

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Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss	M	X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

RESOLUTION 2024-14

ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that every Municipality must make temporary appropriations during the period January 1 to adoption of the budget sufficient to cover commitments made during the period January 1 to the date of adoption of the 2024 Budget, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the following list of appropriations shall constitute the 2024 Temporary Budget for the Township of Colts Neck, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

Current Fund	2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET
Administrative and Executive:	
Salaries and Wages	$ 50,000.00
Other Expenses	12,500.00
Mayor and Committee:	
Salaries and Wages	1,900.00
Municipal Clerk:	
Salaries and Wages	25,000.00
Elections:	
Other Expenses	200.00
Financial Administration(Treasury):	
Salaries and Wages	30,000.00
Other Expenses	25,000.00
Audit Services:	
Other Expenses	12,000.00
Revenue Administration(Tax Collection):	
Salaries and Wages	62,500.00
Other Expenses	2,500.00
Tax Assessment Administration:	
Salaries and Wages	10,000.00
Other Expenses	3,000.00
Legal Services:	
Other Expenses	75,000.00
Engineering Services:	
Other Expenses	3,500.00
Farmland/Open Space Commission:	
Salaries and Wages	200.00
Other Expenses	500.00
Historic Preservation:	
Salaries and Wages	200.00
Other Expenses	500.00
Planning Board:	
Salaries and Wages	25,000.00
Other Expenses	3,000.00
Architectural Review:	
Salaries and Wages	200.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment:	
Salaries and Wages	400.00
Other Expenses	1,500.00
Code Enforcement Official:	
Salaries and Wages	10,000.00
Other Expenses	1,000.00
Insurance:	
Liability Insurance	196,000.00

Other Insurance Premiums	225,000.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	179,500.00
Police Department:	
Salaries and Wages	800,000.00
Other Expenses	35,000.00
Office of Emergency Management:	
Other Expenses	500.00
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies	40,000.00
First Aid Organization-Contribution	7,000.00
Fire Prevention Bureau:	
Salaries and Wages	5,000.00
Other Expenses	500.00
Streets and Road Maintenance:	
Salaries and Wages	175,000.00
Other Expenses	25,000.00
Snow Removal:	
Salaries and Wages	5,000.00
Other Expenses	100,000.00
Shade Tree Commission:	
Salaries and Wages	300.00
Other Expenses	200.00
Recycling:	
Salaries and Wages	2,000.00
Other Expenses	150,000.00
Buildings and Grounds:	
Salaries and Wages	500.00
Other Expenses	30,000.00
Public Health Services(Board of Health):	
Salaries and Wages	35,000.00
Other Expenses	5,000.00
Environmental Commission:	
Salaries and Wages	200.00
Animal Control Services:	
Other Expenses	5,000.00
Recreation Services and Programs:	
Salaries and Wages	35,000.00
Other Expenses	20,000.00
Electricity	8,000.00
Street Lighting	3,000.00
Telephone	10,000.00
Fuel Oil/Natural Gas	12,500.00
Gasoline	50,000.00
Social Security System	100,000.00
Municipal Court:	
Salaries and Wages	100,000.00
Other Expenses	4,200.00
Aid to Library:	
Other Expenses	5,000.00
	$ 2,725,000.00

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Buss	M	X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - Indicates Vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

RESOLUTION 2024-15

AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF
FEES, PENALITIES AND INTEREST RATES FOR 2024

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendations of the Township Tax Collector:

1. Taxes shall be collected quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, 2024.

2. There shall be a ten (10) day grace period on the quarterly taxes, after which unpaid taxes will be charged interest back to the due date.

3. Interest shall be charged and calculated at the rate of eight (8) % per annum on the first $1,500.00 of the delinquency, and eighteen (18) % per annum on any amount in excess of $1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax is payable until the date the actual payment is received.

4. There shall be a six (6) % penalty for a delinquency over $10,000.00 if not paid prior to the end of the calendar year. Delinquency is defined to mean the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters.

5. Redemption fee for Tax Sale Certificates, as follows:

   Two (2) % on certificates $200.00 to $4,999.99.
   Four (4) % on certificates $5,000.00 to $9,999.99.
   Six (6) % on certificates over $10,000.00.

6. A service charge of $20.00 will be charged for each returned check used to make any payment to the Township of Colts Neck for insufficient funds.

7. A fee of $5.00 will be charged for the first duplicate copy of the tax bill requested by a mortgage servicing organization and a fee of $25.00 will be charged to each subsequent duplicate copy of the same bill in the same tax year.

8. All tax sale certificate redemption amounts shall be obtained from the Tax Collector. In addition, a $25.00 fee will be charged for each additional request after the second, for a redemption calculation.

9. A fee of $100.00 will be charged for the issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate.

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss	M	X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			

M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent

RESOLUTION 2024-16

AUTHORIZING PRE-PAYMENT OF CERTAIN ITEMS

WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township has budgeted funds for 2024 for payment of utilities, payroll, debt service, governmental fees, and insurance, and for the printing and mailing costs of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the payment of these items frequently arrives out of time for placement on the next available bills list, and in several months of the year the Governing Body does not meet for a period of one month, thereby inadvertently placing these bills and mailings in arrears because of the schedule of meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make pre-payment of the following fixed items prior to the same appearing on the Township Committee meeting bills list, such funds to be taken from the pre-budgeted amount for each such expense for 2024:

1. Utilities (electric, gas, water, sewer, cable and telephone);
2. Payroll;
3. Debt services, as evidenced by pre-existing bonds and notes;
4. Health, dental and other insurance premiums;
5. Federal, state, county fees and taxes; and
6. Postage for tax bills, newsletters, and other Township mailings.

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss	M	X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

RESOLUTION 2024-17

AUTHORIZING COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 mandates the Governing Body shall, by resolution passed by a majority of the membership thereof, approve a Cash Management Plan;

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

1. The attached updated Cash Management Plan will guide the investment of idle cash of Colts Neck Township;

2. The attached updated Cash Management Plan includes a Policy Statement to guide its implementation;

3. The Chief Financial Officer will administer the Plan; and

4. The Plan is subject to annual audit.

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

1. Township Chief Financial Officer;

2. Township Auditor;

3. All depositories named in Section IV of the attached updated Cash Management Plan; and

4. All dealers and brokerage firms in Section V of the attached Cash Management Plan.

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
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CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Cash Management Plan (the "Plan") is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 in order forth the basis for the deposits ("Deposits") and investment ("Permitted Investments") of certain public funds of Colts Neck Township, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The Plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest bearing Deposits, if permitted, or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide that the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety and preservation of principal value, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes) and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to insure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

II. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN

A. The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following funds and accounts of Colts Neck Township:

Current Fund
Trust Funds
General Capital Fund
Payroll Funds
Grant Funds

III. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN

The Chief Financial Officer of Colts Neck Township(and the Treasurer and Administrator) are hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan. Prior to making such Deposits or any Permitted Investments, such officials of Colts Neck Township are directed to supply to all depositories or any other parties with whom the Deposits or Permitted Investments are made a written copy of the Plan which shall be acknowledged in writing by such parties and a copy of such acknowledgement kept on file with such officials.

IV. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in the Plan.

Bank of America (and/or its Successors)
Citizens Bank
Kearny Bank
Manasquan Bank
Ocean First Bank

PNC Bank
Valley Bank
Wells Fargo Bank

All such depositories shall acknowledge in writing receipt of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgement to the Designated Officials referred to in Section III above.

V. DESIGNATION OF BROKERAGE FIRMS AND DEALERS WITH WHOM THE DESIGNATED OFFICIALS MAY DEAL

The following brokerage firms and/or dealers and other institutions are hereby designated as firms with whom the Designated Officials of Colts Neck Township referred to in this Plan may deal for purposes of buying and selling securities identified in this Plan as Permitted Investments or otherwise providing for Deposits. All such brokerage firms and/or dealers shall acknowledge in writing receipt of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgement to the Designated Officials referred to in Section III above.

State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund/State Street Bank

VI. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Officials are hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted investments:

1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;

2. Government money market mutual funds;

3. Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date or purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;

4. Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the school district is located;

5. Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units;

6. Local government investment pools;

7. Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4) or

8. Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:

   a. the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a;

b. the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;

c. the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;

d. the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository, as defined in Section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); and,

e. a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed for purposes of the above language, the terms "government money market mutual fund" and "local government investment pool" shall have the following definitions:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An investment company or investment trust:

a. which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the "Investment Company Act of 1940", 15 U.S.C. sec. 80a-1 et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7.

b. The portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities; and

c. Which had:

i. attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or

ii. retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the "Investment Advisors Act of 1940", 15 U.S.C. sec. 80b-1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government securities for at least the most recent past 60 months and with assets under management in excess of $500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool. An investment pool:

a. which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7;

b. which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;

c. which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities;

d. which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act", P.L. 1968, c.410 (c.52:14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting

requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;

e. which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably by expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and

f. which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank located within this State; or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 c.9 (C.49:3-56) and has at least $25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

B. Notwithstanding the above authorization, the moves on hand in the following funds and accounts shall be further limited as to maturities, specific investments or otherwise as follows:

Grant
Public Assistance

VII. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN

To the extent that any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by Colts Neck Township, then such instrument or security shall be covered by a custodial agreement with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of Colts Neck Township to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments or Deposits. Purchase of any Permitted Investments that involve securities shall be executed by a "delivery versus payment" method to insure that such Permitted Investments are either received by Colts Neck Township or by a third party custodian prior to or upon the release of Colts Neck Township's funds.

To assure that all parties with whom Colts Neck Township deals either by way of Deposits or Permitted Investments are aware of the Authority and the limits set forth in this Plan, all such parties shall be supplied with a copy of the Plan in writing and all such parties shall acknowledge the receipt of the Plan in writing, a copy of which shall be on file with the Designated Officials.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Each month during which this Plan is in effect, the Designated Official referred to in Section III hereof shall supply to the governing body of Colts Neck Township a written report of any Deposits or Permitted Investments made Pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

A. The name of any institution holding funds of Colts Neck Township as a Deposit or a Permitted Investment.

B. The amount of securities or Deposits purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.

C. The class or type of securities purchased or Deposits made.

D. The book value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

E. The earned income on such Deposits or Permitted Investments. To the extent that such amounts are actually earned at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earnings during the immediately preceding month.

F. The fees incurred to undertake such Deposits or Permitted Investments

G. The market value of all Deposits or Permitted Investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.

H. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the Township of Colts Neck.

XI. TERM OF PLAN

This Plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Attached to this Plan is a Resolution of the Governing Body of Colts Neck Township approving this Plan for such period of time. This Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Township Committee, the Designated Officials are directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

RESOLUTION 2024-18

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT
OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE
KATHLEEN CAPRISTO

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby appoints Ms. Kathleen Capristo as the Colts Neck Community Development Representative, with the County of Monmouth; and

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

1. Ms. Kathleen Capristo; and
2. Monmouth County Community Development Program.

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
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Mayor Rizzuto		X			
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Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
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RESOLUTION 2024-19

CONFIRMING DESIGNATION OF
PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER
KATHLEEN CAPRISTO

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby designates Ms. Kathleen Capristo as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O); and

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

1. Kathleen Capristo; and
2. State of New Jersey, EEO Monitoring Program.

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 6th day of January 2024

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RESOLUTION 2024-20

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF
MID JERSEY JOINT INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER
KATHLEEN CAPRISTO

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby appoints Ms. Kathleen Capristo as Commissioner of the Mid Jersey Joint Insurance Fund; and

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

1. Kathleen Capristo; and
2. Mid Jersey Joint Insurance Fund.

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 6th day of January 2024

~~Trina~~ Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2024-21

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF
RECYCLING COORDINATOR
JEANIE ROSETI

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that pursuant to Chapter 195 of the Code of Colts Neck Township that it hereby confirms the appointment of Ms. Jeanie Roseti as Recycling Coordinator, Colts Neck Township, County of Monmouth, for a one-year term, expiring on December 31, 2024; and

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

1. Ms. Jeanie Roseti;
2. Mr. John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer; and
3. Ms. Fran Metzger, Monmouth County Recycling Coordinator.

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2024-22

APPROVING USE OF
ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER
FOR
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township hereby approves the use of Robert's Rules of Order for the conducting of Township Committee Meetings; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Township Committee to provide each member of the public an equal opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, public comment is intended to give citizens the right to discuss items on the agenda as well as to make comments on other related Township services. It is not intended to be a question and answer period. The Township Committee's response to the public is at the Committee's discretion.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee maintains the discretion to end a participant's comment if the comment becomes repetitive and/or the participant has had a fair and equal opportunity to be heard; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby approves the use of Robert's Rules of Order for the conducting of Township Committee Meetings.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby approves the use of Robert's Rules of Order for the conducting of Township Committee Meetings to include the limitation to public comments to four (4) minutes per person.

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 6th day of January 2024

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RESOLUTION 2024-23

DESIGNATION OF
OFFICIAL TOWNSHIP NEWSPAPERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby designates The Star Ledger, Asbury Park Press, and the Two River Times as the official Township newspapers.

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2024-24

REQUIRING DIRECT DEPOSIT OF PAYROLL CHECKS

WHEREAS, P.L.1981, c. 385 (C.52:14-15a) was amended by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey to provide that municipalities (along with other State entities) may provide for mandatory direct deposit of net pay for all employees on or after July 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of Colts Neck Township recommends the municipality adopt this requirement for mandatory direct deposit of net pay as it provides an increase in the productivity of the Finance department, a decrease in the cost of producing and replacing lost checks, and the elimination of the cost of delivery of checks; and

WHEREAS, the employees of the municipality shall indicate, in writing to the Chief Financial Officer, the specific banking institution(s) and designated checking account(s), savings account(s) or share account(s) to which the deposit shall be made on behalf of the employee; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of Colts Neck Township may determine special exceptions to this policy for paychecks for terminated employees and seasonal employees; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that, effective January 1, 2023, mandatory direct deposit of net pay for all employees of Colts Neck Township shall be made to the specific banking institution(s) provided by each employee.

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 6th day of January 2024

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RESOLUTION 2024-25

AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAX DEBIT AND CREDIT BALANCES OF LESS THAN $5.00

WHEREAS, properties reflecting tax and credit balances of less than $5.00, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed unfeasible to incur the cost of collecting or refunding tax balances of less than $5.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that the Tax Collector, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1a, is authorized and directed to cancel any tax and credit balances of less than $5.00.

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 6th day of January 2024

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RESOLUTION 2024-26

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS, CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE FOR PAYMENT

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:5-16 requires that the governing body of any local unit shall not pay out of its monies unless

(a) the person claiming or receiving payment first presents a detailed bill of items or demand, specifying particularly how the bill or demand is made up (the Invoice), with the certification of the party claiming payment that the bill or demand is correct (the Claimant Certification).

(b) the payment carries a written or electronic certification of some officer or duly designated employee of the local unit having knowledge of the facts that the goods have been received by, or the services rendered to, the local unit (certification of the user department).

WHEREAS, NJAC 5:30-9A.6 gives local units discretion to not require claimant certification by enacting a standard policy by resolution for vendors or claimants who do not provide such certification as part of its normal course of business; and

WHEREAS, generally, vendors do NOT provide such certification as part of the normal course of business which has created unnecessary confusion and delay in processing claims for payment; and

WHEREAS, the Claimant certification cannot be waived for reimbursement of employee expenses, or for services provided exclusively and entirely by an individual; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has communicated internal accounting controls as follows and has determined same to be sufficient to avoid errors and fraud in the processing of claims for payment

1) No goods or services will be procured without a valid Purchase Order containing the signature of the Township's Purchasing Agent.
2) Except for contract items approved by resolution of the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township, all procurement transactions must originate by way of a requisition in the Township's Finance System. Requisitions will not be processed without a digital signature of the Department Head (or, in certain limited situations, a designee approved by the CFO)

3) In processing Purchase Orders from Requisitions, Purchasing staff review for

   a. Department Head approval

   b. Legal Compliance (Local Public Contracts Law)

   c. Compliance with any relevant Township policy

   d. Reasonable business purpose

4) Questions regarding requisitions are reviewed with user departments. As necessary, certain issues are escalated to review by the Township's Purchasing Agent.

5) Requisitions that exceed the Pay-to-Play threshold ($17,500) or the bid threshold (currently $44,000) are forwarded to the Township's Purchasing Agent for processing.

6) Requisitions that exceed 15% of the bid threshold (currently $6,600) require at least 2 quotes (3 quotes are preferred). Quotes obtained by user departments are attached to the requisition (digital/scanned copy). Purchasing staff review all quotes or solicit quotes if or when needed.

7) Properly completed requisitions are converted to Purchase Orders by Finance Office staff.

8) Department Heads are actively engaged in preparing and monitoring their annual budgets. Clerical assistance is available for most departments. Regular reviews are performed to assure that activity posted to the department's budget, such as Purchase Orders, is valid, proper and authorized by the Department Head.

9) Claims for payment are submitted to Finance Office by each department. Invoices are reviewed to verify that work was performed as authorized and that prices are consistent with original proposals.

10) Invoices attached to the Purchase Order are submitted to Finance Office for payment. A responsible person with direct knowledge that the work was performed or goods received signs the Purchase Order to authorize payment.

11) In processing Purchase Orders (and invoices) for payment, Finance Office staff review for

   a. Certification by responsible person attesting that services were performed or goods delivered.

   b. Verify that payment is applied to proper contract, if applicable

c. Verify that the invoice does NOT pre-date the Purchase Order (Legal Compliance). (from item 1 above) No goods or services will be procured without a valid Purchase Order containing the signature of the Township's Purchasing Agent.

d. Review for proper accounting treatment (proper budget account and proper budget year).

e. Compliance with any relevant Township's policy

f. Reasonable business purpose

12) Questions regarding Purchase Orders / Invoices are reviewed with user departments. As necessary, certain issues are escalated to review by the CFO.

13) In preparing the annual Township Budget, the CFO reviews trends and query detail as considered necessary. All unusual items are researched.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP, that the internal accounting controls presented above by the CFO are adopted as Township Policy for Payment of Claims

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to NJAC 5:30-9A.6 the Township exercises its discretion to not require claimant certifications except as required for reimbursement of employee expenses, or for services provided exclusively and entirely by an individual

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is effective upon its adoption for all claims paid subsequent to January 1, 2024.

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2024-27

AUTHORIZES THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CONDUCT AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:5-19.1 et seq. permits municipalities to conduct electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and,

WHEREAS, the rule thus promulgated requires a municipality to authorize said electronic tax sale by resolution of the governing body, and,

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more effective tax sale process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township does hereby authorize and direct the Tax Collector to conduct an electronic tax sale.

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 6th day of January 2024

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RESOLUTION 2024-28

CONFIRMING 2024 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 10:4-18 provides for "ANNUAL NOTICE" which means at least once each year, within seven (7) days following the annual organization or reorganization meeting of a public body, every public body shall adopt, post and distribute a schedule of its regular meetings for the coming year. The schedule must contain the date, time and location of the meeting. In addition, it shall be mailed, telephoned, telegraphed or hand delivered to at least two (2) newspapers which newspapers shall be designated by the public body to receive such notices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township, County of Monmouth, and State of New Jersey, that Regular Meetings of the Township Committee will be held at 7:00pm during the year 2024, at the Colts Neck Municipal Building, 1 Veterans Way, Colts Neck, NJ 07722 on the following dates:

Regular Meetings shall be held on the following dates:

January 10, 2024	January 31, 2024
February 14, 2024	February 28, 2024
March 13, 2024	March 27, 2024
April 10, 2024	April 24, 2024
May 8, 2024	May 29, 2024
June 12, 2024	June 26, 2024
July 10, 2024	July (NO MEETING)
August 14, 2024	August (NO MEETING)
September 11, 2024	September 25, 2024
October 9, 2024	October 30, 2024
November 13, 2024	November (NO MEETING)
December 11, 2024	December (NO MEETING)

Formal action will be taken at all Regular Meetings. Public comments will be permitted at designated periods during all meetings. Executive Sessions, which are closed to the public, may be held to discuss matters authorized for closed sessions under N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. Prior to each Executive Session, the Township Committee will convene in open session at which time a resolution will be adopted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-13. Regular, or Special Meetings may be adjourned, rescheduled or held on different dates providing such are duly noticed as provided by law.

The Municipal Clerk shall post this "Annual Notice" on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, transmit it to the Asbury Park Press and The Two River Times, and file this notice in the Office of the Municipal Clerk of Colts Neck Township, all in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Law."

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 6th day of January 2024

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RESOLUTION 2024-29

APPOINTING CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS
FOR THE COLTS NECK POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 of the Open Public Records Act names the Municipal Clerk as the Records Custodian of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) does not preclude the Municipality from developing reasonable and practical measures for responding to OPRA requests, which measures may include the designation of a Custodian of Record for particular types of records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- The Secretary to the Colts Neck Police Chief, Colts Neck Police Department is hereby appointed as the Custodian of Record for Police Department records.

- The designated Custodian of Record for the Colts Neck Police Department, to the extent so advised, shall follow any instructions given by the Township Clerk regarding the handling of such records.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above listed Custodian of Record shall appear on the official Colts Neck Township website together with the Colts Neck Township OPRA Request Form for the Police Department.

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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Rizzuto		X			
Deputy Mayor Torchia Buss	M	X			
Viola	S	X			
Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

RESOLUTION 2024-30

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF COLTS NECK FIRE OFFICIAL – PHILIP ENGEL

WHEREAS, the Township has established a Fire Prevention Bureau as detailed in Chapter 29 of the Township's code, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 29-6A of Chapter 29 the Fire Official shall be appointed by the Mayor and Township Committee for a term of three (3) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the recommendation of the Township Administrator that it hereby appoints Mr. Philip Engel as the Colts Neck Township Fire Official effective January 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Philip Engel shall receive an annual salary of $20,000 for said position payable in accordance with the Township's payroll schedule; and

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

1. Mr. Philip Engel
2. State of NJ – Department of Community Affairs
3. Mr. Paul Vital – Construction Official
4. Mr. 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 6th day of January 2024

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

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