COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

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1. Mayor Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that today is flag day and Colts Neck is proud to fly our flag affectionately called "Old Glory", a universal symbol of freedom, flown all over the world, carried into battle, draped over the coffins of our fallen heroes, lowered to honor our dead. Mayor Fitzpatrick then asked everyone to join her and salute the flag.

3. Administrator, Kathleen Capristo, read the following Sunshine Statement: "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by noticing the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times on January 9, 2023, stating that a regular meeting of the Township Committee would be held on June 14, 2023, 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."

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

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

5. **Discussion:**

   a. Big Brook Nature Preserve

Mayor Fitzpatrick and the Governing Body discussed concerns that residents brought forward at the last Township Committee meeting regarding Big Brook Nature Preserve in regard to issues with visitors to the Preserve parking on both sides of the street, littering, trespassing on resident's properties, etc. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that an ad hoc committee met to discuss the issues brought forward and possible solutions. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that at that meeting it was discussed that thirty-one calls have been made to the Police Department, in which only two of those thirty-one calls were from residents, the rest were from Colts Neck Police officers.

Attorney Bennett stated that any resident experiencing an issue with trespassing and littering needs to contact the Colts Neck Police Department. Attorney Bennett stated that the township has ordinances in place already concerning trespassing and littering therefore if a resident is having an issue with this, that is a matter that needs to be handled by the Police when the incident is taking place.

Administrator Capristo stated that in 2021 Police Chief Santucci surveyed 27 residents in that area, in which 20 residents were in favor of parking restrictions, 6 residents were unreachable and 1 was undecided.

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to suspend the public portion comment rules and allow for public comment on this topic. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Committeewoman Buss and a majority voice vote, the rules of public comment were suspended.

Adriana Sarapochillo, resident, stated that the issue of parking on both sides of the street only happens on Gaitway Drive. Ms. Sarapochillo commented that Thunder Drive and Hartshorn Drive are not affected and visitors to the Preserve don't typically park on those streets. Ms. Sarapochillo stated that she feels the no parking restriction should only be on Gaitway Drive to begin and if the township needs to revisit the issue at a later date and change to ordinance to add more streets, the township can do so at a

later date. Ms. Sarapochillo stated that the statement that residents have only called the Colts Neck Police Department two times is untrue. Ms. Sarapochillo stated that she has called the police at least five times herself.

Astrid Weber, resident, stated that she feels the no parking restriction from March till October may be too long. Ms. Weber asked if a resident is having a gathering at their residence will they be able to contact the town to allow parking on the street for that resident's event. Attorney Bennett stated no, the no parking restrictions will apply to residents as well as the public.

Attorney Bennett stated that an ordinance will be presented at the next meeting for introduction for parking restrictions on certain streets for certain periods. Attorney Bennett also stated that her office will prepare and send notifications to all residents within a 200ft. radius of the area.

b. Open Space Tax referendum

Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that this discussion item will be tabled due to the Deputy Mayor being absent from this meeting.

6. <u>Approval of minutes:</u>

a. May 31, 2023 – Regular meeting

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to approve the minutes. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a majority roll call vote, the minutes were approved.

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

7. <u>Old business:</u>

a. Ordinance 2023-13: An ordinance authorizing the license of Block 56, Lot 1 owned by United State of America Department of the Navy to Colts Neck Township for the Township recycling yard and for parking of Colts Neck Township school buses

Mayor Fitzpatrick read the ordinance by title for second reading/public hearing. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for comments. Committeeman Viola stated that this is in regard to a 3.3-acre land that is used to house school buses and for recycling purposes. Committeeman Viola stated that the township will have a five-year lease with Naval Weapons Station Earle to use the land with zero cost to the township. Committeeman Viola stated that the township will have a fee simple interest in this five-year period. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to open the public hearing. On a motion by Committeewoman Buss, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a majority voice vote, the public hearing was opened. As there were no comments or questions from the public, Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to close the public hearing. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a majority voice vote, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a majority roll call vote, the ordinance was adopted.

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab

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

b. Ordinance 2023-14: An ordinance of Colts Neck Township, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey establishing new Chapter 89, entitled "Business Hours of Operation" of the code of Colts Neck Township

Mayor Fitzpatrick read the ordinance by title for second reading/public hearing. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for comments. Committeeman Bartolomeo stated that this ordinance was discussed at the Long-Range Planning Committee. Committeeman Bartolomeo stated that this ordinance will prohibit businesses from being open for retail during the hours of midnight until 5:00am. Committeeman Bartolomeo stated that in the ordinance there are exemptions, and this ordinance change does not affect any business in town currently operating. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to open the public hearing. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a majority voice vote, the public hearing was opened.

Tom Orgo, resident, asked if this ordinance change will affect businesses who have employees who begin in early morning hours or overnight for baking purposes, etc.

Committeeman Bartolomeo stated that businesses cannot open for retail until 5:00am under this ordinance, however, that does not affect the business having employees working during those hours. Committeeman Bartolomeo provided Mr. Orgo with a copy of the ordinance listing the exemptions.

As there were no further comments or questions from the public, Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to close the public hearing. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a majority voice vote, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a majority roll call vote, the ordinance was adopted.

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

8. <u>New business:</u>

a. Ordinance 2023-12: Bond ordinance providing for the acquisition and the payment of a portion of the purchase price of real property (a conservation easement over and across property being designated as Block 50, Lots 4.01, 17 and 23 on the official tax map of the herein defined township) by and in Colts Neck Township, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey; appropriating $832,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $792,380 bonds or notes of the township to finance part of the cost thereof

Mayor Fitzpatrick read the ordinance by title for first reading/introduction. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for comments. Attorney Bennett stated that this ordinance is being reintroduced due to an error in the title. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Viola,

seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a majority roll call vote, the ordinance was approved for introduction. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that the public hearing is scheduled for June 28, 2023.

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

b. Resolution 2023-101: Authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services agreement for the Western Monmouth Active Shooter Group

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

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

c. Resolution 2023-102: Authorizing award of contract Drainage Inlet Reconstruction 2023

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for comments. Administrator Capristo stated that the township sought quotes for this project in connection with approximately 20-25 inlets throughout the township that require repair/reconstruction. Administrator Capristo stated that this resolution is awarding the contract for this project. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Voila, seconded by Committeewoman Buss and a majority roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

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

d. Resolution 2023-103: Authorizing award of contract FY 2023 Capital Road Improvements

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for comments. Administrator Capristo stated that the township advertised for public bids and this resolution is awarding the contract to the lowest, responsible bidder. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a majority roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

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

e. Resolution 2023-104: Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation from the Colts Neck Sports Foundation (Storage Facility at Five Points Park)

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for comments. Committeeman Bartolomeo stated that the Sports Foundation has donated almost $100,000 back to the town this year. Committeeman Bartolomeo stated that this Storage Facility donation is for Five Points Park. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a majority roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

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

f. Resolution 2023-105: Authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a Right of Entry agreement between Colts Neck Township and the Colts Neck Township Sports Foundation in connection with Five Points Park

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

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

g. Resolution 2023-106: Resolution authorizing and approving a Shared Service Agreement for the provision of security monitors between Colts Neck Township and Colts Neck School District

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for comments. Administrator Capristo stated that this resolution is adopted annually for security monitoring for the Colts Neck summer camp program. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeewoman Buss, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a majority roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

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

h. Resolution 2023-107: Approving insertion of Special Item of Revenue – Clean Communities

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

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

i. Resolution 2023-108: A resolution consenting to the proposed Monmouth County Water Quality Management Plan amendment

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for comments. Tim Anfuso, Township Planner, explained that Colts Neck Manor must apply to the NJDEP for a treatment works permit. Mr. Anfuso explained discussed that Colts Neck Manor has increased the number of units to be built from 48 to 360 units. Mr. Anfuso discussed high water usage generators and how establishments with high water usage generators must apply for a treatment works permit. Mr. Anfuso stated that the treatment works permit must be consistent with the County Wastewater Quality Management Plan. Mr. Anfuso stated that the first step in the process of Colts Neck Manor obtaining the treatment works permit is for Monmouth County to amend the Wastewater Quality Management Plan and this resolution is simply consenting to the amendment. Mr. Anfuso stated that Colts Neck has several properties that have treatment works permits such as St. Mary's Parish, the Colts Neck Schools and Delicious Orchards to name a few. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a majority roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

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

j. Resolution 2023-110: Authorizing rejection of bids for Furnishing and Delivering of Leaf Collection Services

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeewoman Buss, seconded by

Committeeman Bartolomeo and a majority roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

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

k. Resolution 2023-111: Confirming hiring Colts Neck Township Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Secretary Joni VanNest

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

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

l. Consent Agenda

a. Resolution 2023-109: Approving renewal of liquor licenses for the 2023/2024 license year

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a majority roll call vote, the resolutions on the consent agenda were adopted.

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

m. Approval of Vouchers:

Committeeman Viola stated that he reviewed all of the vouchers and found all to be in order. Committeeman Viola stated that he made a motion to approve the bills list.

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

Committeewoman 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.

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

n. Administrator's report:
None

o. Township Committee reports:

Committeeman Viola

- Committeeman Viola commented that Deputy Mayor Rizzuto missed the meeting that night because he was in attendance at Brookdale Community College for the graduation of the fire academy in which his son is one of the graduates and who will be sworn in at the next committee meeting.
- Committeeman Viola stated that there is no update from the court in regard to Affordable Housing. Committeeman Viola stated that the Township has applied for durational adjustment which applies to towns with no public utilities.
- Committeeman Viola stated that the CNBA will host the Fourth of July fireworks on July 3, 2023, at Bucks Mill Park from 6:00pm – 10:00pm.
- Committeeman Viola reminded residents to submit an apple pie for Grandma Charlotte's Apple Pie contest.

Committeeman Bartolomeo

- Committeeman Bartolomeo stated that the Superbowl for flag football was held over Memorial Day weekend, and he was unable to attend, however Committeeman Viola attended, and it was a great day.
- Committeeman Bartolomeo thanked Ed Damon of the Department of Public Works and Officer Gabe Campan of the Police Department for taking care of a tree after work hours that could have been a potential issue. Committeeman Bartolomeo thanked them for a great job.

Committeewoman Buss

- Committeewoman Buss reported that the Architectural Review Committee met and reviewed two applications that will advance to the Board of Adjustment. Committeewoman Buss stated that it was nice to see two residents, one longtime resident, and one newer resident, embracing the Colts Neck charm and historic nature of our properties.
- Committeewoman Buss reported that the Board of Education meeting is tonight, and she will give an update at the next meeting.
- Committeewoman Buss reported that the Board of Health met and had a representative from Monmouth County Mosquito Control Commission present on the efforts they are making to control the mosquito population and the tick population in Monmouth County. Committeewoman Buss stated that this is the only Commission that monitors the tick population in the state of New Jersey. Committeewoman Buss gave some statistics regarding mosquitos:
    - There are 40 different species of mosquitos in Monmouth County (only 10 are problematic)
    - Mosquitos that breed in stagnant water vs. Ponds/lakes/streams are the more dangerous of the species- eliminate any stagnant, standing water!
    - Equine Health and mosquitos are a concern in our area
    - There are about 3,000 monitoring sights in Monmouth County- 60 in Colts Neck.

- Spoke of different treatments- adulticide treatments vs specialized treatments on problem areas.

- Committeewoman Buss reported that the holding tank at the Adelaid Hanna property received NJDEP approval with a slight modification.
- Committeewoman Buss stated that the Board of Health discussed a few upcoming events such as July 3rd fireworks hosted by the CNBA at Bucks Mill Park and National Night Out hosted by the Prevention Alliance.
- Committeewoman Buss reported that the Friends of the Library are accepting book donations in good condition during open hours in the lower level of the Colts Neck Library foyer. Committeewoman Buss stated that library hours are Monday & Wednesday 9:00am – 5:00pm, Tuesday & Thursday from 1:00pm – 9:00pm, Friday 1:00pm – 5:00pm, and Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm. Closed on July 4, 2023. Committeewoman Buss stated that the Friends of the Library will have a book sale on September 30, 2023, and October 1, 2023, from 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Mayor Fitzpatrick:

- Mayor Fitzpatrick reported that the Planning Board met and had two agenda items to review.
- Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that the Annual Fishing Derby was held on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at Bucks Mill Park and thanked Recreation Director, Thom Hennessy for organizing the event and the trophies. Mayor Fitzpatrick also thanked the Colts Neck PBA for donating the prizes of tackle boxes, fishing rods/reels and fish nets. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that there were 23 entrees, 75 fish were caught and released with the largest fish being a 14-inch bass and the smallest a 4-inch bluegill.
- Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that the Summer Concert Series has a show tomorrow, June 15, 2023, at Town Hall pondside at 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Mayor Fitzpatrick urged residents to grab a blanket or chair and come enjoy the concert with the band The Last Whippoorwill Blue Grass band. The next Summer Series Concert will be June 22nd with The Hashtags a 90's rock band.
- Mayor Fitzpatrick reported that the Five Points Park bathroom/multipurpose facility ad hoc committee met today, and the meeting went very well. A follow up meeting with the architect will take place next week to discuss the committee's vision and suggestions before plans are created to save time and money.
- Mayor Fitzpatrick reported that she was invited to attend the Battle of Midway Memorial Ceremony at Naval Weapons Station Earle on June 6, 2023. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that this was a very moving tribute to the brave sailors who fought so valiantly against a powerful Japanese navy. It was a great victory for our Navy that turned the tide of war in the Pacific.
- Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that it is National Trail month and invited residents to join her on a guided walk with Monmouth County Naturalist, Robert Fanning and Director Thom Hennessy at Schlesinger Preserve on Crine Road at 5:30pm tomorrow. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that they will also walk on June 29th at 5:30pm, starting at Cedar Drive Park heading over to Bucks Mill Park.
- Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that the Township Committee has been invited to the Cedar Drive graduation on June 20th and the Freehold Regional High School graduation on June 22nd.
- Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that former Mayor Tom Foley has passed away. Mr. Foley was Mayor of Colts Neck in 1983. Mayor Fitzpatrick sends her sympathies to his family.
- Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that the Mayor's office hours will be cancelled from July 4, 2023 – July 20, 2023, and resume on July 25, 2023. Notice will be posted on the township website.

9. <u>Public Comment:</u>

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

Elaine Mann, resident, asked the Governing Body to support a current assembly bill that is being considered that will offer senior citizens 65 and older tax relief of up to

$10,000. Ms. Mann stated that if the bill passes this relief will apply to tax bills beginning in January 2025. Ms. Mann stated that Administrator Capristo reported in a previous meeting that the final CO for the new municipal building could not be obtained until Freehold Soil conducts a final inspection, which they will not do until there is significant grass growth on site. Ms. Mann asked if Administrator Capristo could provide proof of this. Ms. Mann discussed several bills on the bills list. Ms. Mann noted that Colts Neck has a shared municipal court with Holmdel who are now moved into the new municipal building. Ms. Mann commented that Colts Neck did not release any communication regarding this, however, Holmdel released an article on the Patch.

Fulton Wilcox, resident, commented that he realized at the last Township Committee meeting that the Committee's plan for the block building is to use it as a warehouse/storage building. Mr. Wilcox stated that the block building has never had a good reason for the township to continue to spend money on it. Mr. Wilcox stated that the township will need to acquire approval from the state park's association to have continuous traffic of trucks to and from the block building for storage purposes. Mr. Wilcox stated that in relation to the new municipal building, the township committee has not provided any progress report on getting the rest of the employees moved into the new building.

Michele Battista, resident, commented that today is Flag Day. Ms. Battista stated that the Branch Manager of the Colts Neck Library has resigned effective June 2, 2023. Ms. Battista stated that the Children's Librarian, Anika Leung will fill in until a new branch manager is assigned to Colts Neck. Ms. Battista stated that the Historic Preservation Committee is planning the Halloween event at Colts Neck Fire Company #1 on October 21st with a rain date of October 22nd. Ms. Battista asked in relation to the Wastewater Quality Management Plan, if there is a bond that will protect the township if this plan did not work.

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

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

Committeeman Viola responded to Ms. Mann stating that the township signed the shared services agreement for the shared municipal court 2-3 years ago.

Committeeman Viola responded to Mr. Wilcox stating that the Administration office, finance/tax office, municipal clerk's office and court staff have all moved into the new building and the township continues to work on getting the remaining employees moved in.

Committeeman Bartolomeo responded to Mr. Wilcox stating that Bucks Mill Park, where the block building is located, is owned by the township and the township does not require state approval to utilize the park in any manner.

Committeeman Viola responded to Ms. Battista stating that during the Planning Board application process for Colts Neck Manor, the applicant was asked to bond, and they refused. Tim Anfuso responded stating that the NJDEP monitors wastewater, and there is no mechanism in the process which requires the applicant to bond. Mr. Anfuso explained that if their system failed in any way, the NJDEP would pursue the owner of the property for clean-up, which is no different than an underground storage tank.

Committeeman Bartolomeo gave a brief history in regard to affordable housing and the property that the Kushner developers owns in Colts Neck. Committeeman Bartolomeo stated that Colts Neck didn't sell the Kushner developers the property or give it to them. Committeeman Bartolomeo gave some history on a lawsuit that took place back in 1998 where the Kushner developers sued Colts Neck Township. Committeeman Bartolomeo stated that some residents are mislead in thinking that if the township had bought that property development in Colts Neck wouldn't happen. Committeeman Bartolomeo stated that even if the township had bought that property, it would not change the affordable housing requirement for Colts Neck Township.

Committeeman Viola reviewed the methodology that was used to determine the affordable housing requirement for all 565 municipalities in the state of New Jersey. Committeeman Viola stated that 23% of the land mass in Colts Neck is behind Naval Weapons Station Earle which is undevelopable. Committeeman Viola stated that is why the township has applied for a durational adjustment and will hold a public meeting once a decision has been received from the court.

Committeewoman Buss commented that this is why she joined the Township Committee, stating that she was one of the residents in the audience prior to joining the township committee. Committeewoman Buss stated that she has learned a lot being on the township committee, and that she appreciates the resident's interest and passion. Committeewoman Buss stated that there are a lot of legalities that play a part in affordable housing that she was not aware of prior to joining the township committee.

11. <u>Adjournment</u>:

As there was no further business, Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Committeewoman Buss and a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Trina Lindsey, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED: 06/28/23