COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
REORGANIZATION MEETING –TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JANUARY 6, 2023, 5:00 P.M.
1 VETERANS WAY

The Reorganization meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor J.P. Bartolomeo 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 News Transcript on December 5, 2022, stating that the Reorganization Meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held on January 6, 2023, at 5:00 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 Ms. Lindsey indicated the following:

Present: Mayor J.P Bartolomeo, Deputy Mayor Sue Fitzpatrick, Committeewoman Tara Torchia Buss, Committeeman Frank Rizzuto, and Committeeman Michael Viola

Also Present: Municipal Clerk Trina Lindsey; Township Administrator Kathleen Capristo and Township Counsel Meghan Bennett, Esq.

Absent: None

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1. **Welcome by Mayor J.P. Bartolomeo**
Mayor J.P. Bartolomeo welcomed all in attendance.

2. **Invocation**
Father Jeffrey Lee of St. Mary's Parish Church provided a thoughtful and reflective Invocation.

3. **Remarks by Mayor J.P. Bartolomeo**
Mayor Bartolomeo spoke about the construction of the new municipal building stating that he and the Township Committee are very proud of the building. Mayor Bartolomeo recognized past Mayor's in attendance, Jim Schatzle, Thomas Orgo, Thom Hennessey and also recognized the Monmouth County leaders in attendance; County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone and his fellow County Commissioners, Assemblywomen Kim Eulner and Marilyn Piperno. Mayor Bartolomeo reflected on his time as Mayor for a second term stating that he truly loved being the Mayor of Colts Neck. Mayor Bartolomeo stated that he welcomes handing over the gavel to Sue Fitzpatrick.

4. **Swearing in of elected Committeewoman Sue Fitzpatrick**
Committeewoman Sue Fitzpatrick was sworn in by Mayor J.P. Bartolomeo

5. **Open nominations for 2023 Mayor**
Mayor Bartolomeo called for nominations for 2023 Mayor. Committeeman Viola nominated Sue Fitzpatrick, his nomination was seconded by Committeewoman Buss, and a unanimous roll call vote. Sue Fitzpatrick was named Mayor 2023.

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

6. **Swearing in of Mayor Fitzpatrick**
Mayor Sue Fitzpatrick was sworn in by former Mayor Thom Hennessey.

7. **Presentation of gavels**
Mayor Fitzpatrick was presented a 2023 Mayor's gavel by former Mayor Bartolomeo. Mayor Fitzpatrick then presented the 2022 Mayor's gavel to former Mayor Bartolomeo.

8. **Remarks by Mayor Fitzpatrick**

Mayor Fitzpatrick gave a brief speech stating that it is an honor to be Mayor. Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked the residents of Colts Neck for their trust in her and for electing her to serve the community. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that she is thankful for the past three Mayors, Mayor Bartolomeo, Mayor Viola, and Mayor Rizzuto who have done so much for Colts Neck. Mayor Fitzpatrick also thanked Committeewoman Buss and stated she is thankful to serve beside Committeewoman Buss. Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked her family for their support, encouragement, and love, especially her husband of 46 years, Jim Fitzpatrick. Mayor Fitzpatrick spoke about the citizens of Colts Neck stepping up to volunteer on the various boards, committees and commissions and thanked them for their service. Mayor Fitzpatrick spoke briefly about the old police and court building and the deteriorating condition it was in. Mayor Fitzpatrick commented about the First Aid Squad temporarily moving their location to allow the Police Department to reside in their location until the completion of the new municipal building. Mayor Fitzpatrick commented how great the Colts Neck community is and working together. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that she will have office hours every Monday from 9:00am – 11:00am and every Thursday from 5:00pm – 7:00pm which she is hoping to start in February in the new municipal building.

9. **Open nominations for 2023 Deputy Mayor**

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for nominations for 2023 Deputy Mayor. Committeeman Bartolomeo nominated Committeeman Rizzuto for 2023 Deputy Mayor, his nomination was seconded by Committeeman Viola, and a unanimous roll call vote. Committeeman Frank Rizzuto was named 2023 Deputy Mayor.

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	

10. **Swearing in of 2023 Deputy Mayor, Frank Rizzuto**

Deputy Mayor Rizzuto was sworn in by County Commissioner Director, Tom Arnone.

11. **Remarks by Deputy Mayor Rizzuto**

Deputy Mayor Rizzuto thanked the Township Committee for their vote of confidence. Deputy Mayor Rizzuto spoke about former Mayor Bartolomeo and his enthusiasm. Deputy Mayor Rizzuto spoke about Mayor Bartolomeo starting Sunday walks with the Township Committee, theme music before each Township Committee meeting, camp outs in the park. Deputy Mayor Rizzuto thanked Mayor Bartolomeo for bringing that sense of community to this town. Deputy Mayor Rizzuto spoke about Mayor Fitzpatrick stating that most know Sue from her work with the Colts Neck Business Association (CNBA), 4th of July fireworks, her decorating skills around the Township, etc. Deputy Mayor Rizzuto spoke about an opposing party running a campaign of misinformation against Sue Fitzpatrick. Deputy Mayor Rizzuto stated that Sue is a fighter, and he is looking forward to serving as her Deputy.

12. **Announcement – Township Committee Liaison assignments for 2023**

Mayor Fitzpatrick read the following:

MAYOR FITZPATRICK

Affordable Housing
County/State Government
Environmental Commission (Wildlife Committee – Advisory)
Farmland/Open Space
Green Team Advisory Committee
Naval Weapons Station Earle
Planning Board Class I
Recreation Committee

DEPUTY MAYOR RIZZUTO

Code Enforcement
Emergency Management
First Aid
Historic Preservation Committee
Naval Weapons Station Earle
Planning Board Class III
Police Department

COMMITTEEWOMAN BUSS

Architectural Review Committee
Board of Health
Colts Neck Business Association
Drug Alliance
Friends of the Library
Local/Regional Schools
The Grande

COMMITTEEMAN VIOLA

Affordable Housing
Finance
Fire Department
Litigation/Steering Committee
Long Range Planning Committee
Personnel Committee
Senior Citizens

COMMITTEEMAN BARTOLOMEO

Local/Regional Schools
Long Range Planning Committee
Personnel Committee
Public Works/Buildings and Grounds
Shade Tree Commission
Sports Foundation

13. **Mayor's appointments:**
Mayor Fitzpatrick read the following:

Planning Board

CLASS I- SUE FITZPATRICK	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
CLASS II – LOUIS BADER	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
CLASS III – FRANK RIZZUTO	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
CLASS IV – GREGORY PENCZAK	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
CLASS IV – SCOTT STANFORD	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
CLASS IV – JOHN TOBIA	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
CLASS IV – KRIS LUTKOWITZ	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
ALTERNATE 1 – MICHAEL TAESCHLER	TERM EXPRIES 12/31/23
ALTERNATE 2 – CHRISTINE VISCI	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24

Board of Adjustment

JEFFREY REISINGER	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
JOHN MAGUIRE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
ALTERNATE 1 – PHIL KORNBLUH	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
ALTERNATE 2 – ALBERT YODAKIS	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24

Board of Health

TARA TORCHIA BUSS, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23

ANNEMARIE DELLE DONNE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
LINDA STAGLIANO	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
ELIZABETH IACONO	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
JEFFREY REISINGER	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
ALTERNATE 1 – DR. ROHINI SINGH	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
ALTERNATE 2 – VALERIE CAPARDI	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24

Shade Tree Commission

J.P. BARTOLOMEO, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
LAURA RILEY	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/27
DINA RYAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
ALLAN RYAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
TINA FREEDMAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/26
ALTERNATE 2 - JOHN CLEMENTE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/27

Environmental Commission

MAYOR APPOINTS THOMAS HENNESSEY AS CHAIR FOR 2023

SUE FITZPATRICK, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
BOB LUTKEWITTE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
THOMAS HENNESSEY, JR.	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
RAY MALAK	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25

Recreation Committee

SUE FITZPATRICK, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
CHRISTOPHER MONTALVO	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
PAUL WILD	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25

Farmland and Open Space Committee

SUE FITZPATRICK, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
JOHN CLEMENTE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
MICHAEL STIVALA	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
THOMAS MORIN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
ALTERNATE 1 – JONATHAN FABOZZI	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24
ALTERNATE 2 – SCOTT BRITTON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/24

Architectural Review Committee

TARA TORCHIA BUSS, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
DAVID MCGRATH	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
DINA RYAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
ALLAN RYAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
ELENA HRYMACK	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
CHRISTINE VISCI	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25

Historic Preservation Committee

FRANK RIZZUTO, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
MICHELLE WARENDORF	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
PATRICIA EASTMAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
MAGGIE OSMULSKI	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
JANINE PINGUELO STRAFACI	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
PRESTON FILOZOF	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
JOANNA CONNELLY	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
JAMES SCHATZLE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25

Local Emergency Planning Committee

FRANK RIZZUTO, LIAISON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
DAVE STATTEL	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
MICHAEL ROMANO	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
KEVIN KETELSON	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
NICHOLAS LAVALLE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25
KEVIN KNECHT	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/25

Green Team Advisory Committee

SUE FITZPATRICK	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
RUSSELL HICKS	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
BROOK CROSSAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
ELIZABETH WILK	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
JOHN VIG	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
ALISON DENOIA	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
SANDY FREEMAN	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
DR. ROHINI SINGH	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
TERESA DANILE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23
BOB LUTKEWITTE	TERM EXPIRES 12/31/23

14. **Ordinance 2023-1:** Bond ordinance amending, and supplementing bond ordinance number 2022-4 finally adopted by the Township Committee on April 27, 2022, to increase the appropriation therein by $300,000 and to increase the authorization of bonds or notes therein by $285,714 to finance part of the additional costs thereof

Mayor Fitzpatrick read the ordinance by title for first reading/introduction. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for comments from the Committee. Hearing none, Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to approve. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Rizzuto, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a unanimous roll call vote, the ordinance was approved for introduction. Mayor Fitzpatrick announced that the public hearing is scheduled for January 25, 2023.

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		

15. **Resolution 2023-1**: Confirming appointment of Township Professionals pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5

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 unanimous 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		

16. **Resolution 2023-2:** Confirming appointments to the Planning Board

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 unanimous 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		

17. **Resolution 2023-3:** Confirming appointments to the Board of Adjustment

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

18. **Resolution 2023-4:** Confirming appointments to the Board of Health

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 unanimous 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		

19. **Resolution 2023-5:** Confirming appointments to the Shade Tree Commission

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

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

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

20. **Resolution 2023-6:** Confirming appointments to the Environmental Commission

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 unanimous 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		

21. **Resolution 2023-7:** Confirming appointments to the Recreation Committee

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

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

22. **Resolution 2023-8:** Confirming appointments to the Farmland and Open Space Committee

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

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

23. **Resolution 2023-9:** Confirming appointments to the Architectural Review Committee

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

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

24. **Resolution 2023-10:** Confirming appointments to the Historic Preservation Committee

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

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

25. **Resolution 2023-11:** Confirming appointments to the Local Emergency Planning Committee

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

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

26. **Resolution 2023-12:** Confirming appointments to the Green Team Advisory Committee

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

27. **Group swearing in of duly appointed volunteer members**
Volunteer members who were present at the meeting were sworn in by Attorney Bennett.

28. **Recognizing Captain of the First Aid Squad, Gregory Williams and President of the First Aid Squad, Martha Leonhardt**
Deputy Mayor Rizzuto thanked the First Aid Squad for their work as volunteer first responders and also for their patience in being relocated from their building for the construction of the new municipal building.

29. **Oath of office, Gregory Williams, Captain, First Aid Squad and Marth Leonhardt, President, First Aid Squad**
Attorney Bennett administered the oaths of office for Gregory Williams and Martha Leonhardt

30. **Motion to adopt a Consent Agenda**: Mayor Fitzpatrick 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 2023-13__: Confirming designation of municipal depositories

*__Resolution 2023-14__: Authorizing adoption of a temporary budget for 2023

*__Resolution 2023-15__: Authorizing establishment of fees, penalties, and interest rates for 2023

*__Resolution 2023-16__: Authorizing pre-payment of certain items

*__Resolution 2023-17__: Authorizing Colts Neck Township's Cash Management Plan

*__Resolution 2023-18__: Confirming appointment of Community Development Representative, Kathleen Capristo

*__Resolution 2023-19__: Confirming designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer P.A.C.O., Kathleen Capristo

*__Resolution 2023-20__: Confirming appointment of Mid Jersey Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner, Kathleen Capristo

*__Resolution 2023-21__: Confirming appointment of Recycling Coordinator, Jeanie Roseti

*__Resolution 2023-22__: Approving use of Robert's Rules of Order for Township Committee Meetings

*__Resolution 2023-23__: Designation of official township newspapers

*__Resolution 2023-24__: Requiring direct deposit of payroll checks

*__Resolution 2023-25__: Authorizing cancellation of 2023 tax debit and credit balances of less than $5.00

*__Resolution 2023-26__: Payment of claims, claimant's signature for payment

*__Resolution 2023-27__: Authorizes the Tax Collector to conduct an electronic tax sale on delinquent property taxes

*__Resolution 2023-28__: Confirming 2023 Township Committee Meeting Schedule

*__Resolution 2023-29__: Appointing Registrar of Vital Statistics, Linda Stagliano

*__Resolution 2023-30__: Confirming hiring Colts Neck Township Department of Public Works Seasonal employee, Parker McCall

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. On a motion by Committeeman Viola, seconded by Committeeman Bartolomeo and a unanimous roll call vote, the consent agenda was approved.

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		

31. Public Comment

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

Allan Ryan, resident, commented that he really enjoyed today's meeting and is a proud member of the Colts Neck Fire Department. Mr. Allan wished everyone a great 2023.

Elaine Mann, resident, congratulated Mayor Fitzpatrick on her re-election and her term as Mayor. Ms. Mann commented that the acoustics in the meeting room were not very good and people in the back had a hard time hearing.

Janine Yodakis, resident, commented stating that her family experienced an emergency which required response from the First Aid Squad. Ms. Yodakis thanked the First Aid Squad for what they do.

Judy Laufer, resident, commented that the First Aid Squad is phenomenal and spoke of a time where she fell and broke her neck. Ms. Laufer stated that if it were not for the First Aid Squad's quick response and great care, she is not paralyzed today.

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

32. Final comments by Mayor Fitzpatrick

Mayor Fitzpatrick commented that this was a lovely evening of events, and she is looking forward to 2023.

33. Benediction

Pastor Chris Durkin provided an ending benediction.

35. Motion to adjourn

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Committeeman Bartolomeo, seconded by Committeeman Viola and a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.

Mayor Fitzpatrick announced the next regular meeting of the Township Committee will be held on January 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m., 1 Veterans Way.

Trina Lindsey, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED: 01/25/23