RESOLUTION 2026-45

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. It is anticipated that the closed session will last approximately sixty (60) minutes;

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

6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

I, Kathleen Capristo, 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 a regular meeting held on the 11th day of February 2026.

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Kathleen Capristo, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
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Torchia Buss					
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RESOLUTION 2026-46

AUTHORIZATION TO URGE THE LEGISLATURE TO DEFEAT S-5028 / A-6301 WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE MINIMUM REQUIRED ANNUAL THOROUGHBRED HORSE RACING DATES AT MONMOUTH PARK FROM 50 TO 25 DAYS

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. S-5028 and Assembly Bill No. A-6301 propose amendments to New Jersey law that would reduce the minimum number of annually required thoroughbred horse racing dates from fifty (50) to twenty-five (25) under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, thoroughbred horse racing has long been an important economic, cultural, and historical component of the State of New Jersey and the Monmouth County region, including the presence of Monmouth Park Racetrack; and

WHEREAS, the horse racing industry supports thousands of jobs statewide and contributes significantly to local economies through tourism, hospitality, agriculture, and related businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township is concerned that the proposed legislation may result in unintended economic harm to residents and businesses in Colts Neck and within the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the bills fail to adequately consider the impact that reduced racing activity may have on the ongoing care, training, stabling, and welfare of thoroughbred horses and the facilities required to properly maintain them; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of Colts Neck Township believes that Senate Bill No. S- 5028 and Assembly Bill No. A-6301 will have negative results and cause tremendous harm to equine associated services, professions, veterinarians and workers; and

WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township further believes there will be a loss of farms and equine facilities in the State of New Jersey which will negatively impact the environment, open space and quality of life by accelerating overdevelopment of the farms, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township urges the New Jersey Legislature to reject S-5028 / A-6301 and instead for the State of New Jersey to work collaboratively with municipalities, the Thoroughbred Breeders Association of New Jersey, the New Jersey Horseman's Association, Monmouth Park, Darby Development, the Department of Agriculture, and the New Jersey Farm Bureau to strengthen and promote the long term future benefits and viabilities of New Jersey's equine industry, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor Mikie Sherrill, Senator Vin Gopal, Assemblywomen Margie Donlon and Luanne Peterpaul, Monmouth County Commissioners, and The New Jersey League of Municipalities.

I, Kathleen Capristo, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during the regular meeting held on the 11th day of February 2026.

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Kathleen Capristo, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2026-47

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO RETIRED POLICE OFFICER RICHARD ZARRILLO

WHEREAS, Richard Zarrillo retired from the Colts Neck Police Department in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Richard Zarrillo was recently requested for trial preparation and subpoenaed by the Superior Court for a court appearance in relation to an investigation that took place during his time of employment with the Colts Neck Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief, Daniel DeVito has recommended that Mr. Zarrillo be paid for his time per the P.B.A. collective bargaining agreement in place at the time of Mr. Zarrillo's retirement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby authorizes payment to Richard Zarrillo as follows; 15 hours at an hourly rate of $54.68.

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

1. Daniel DeVito, Chief of Police;
2. Kathleen Capristo, Township Administrator; and
3. John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer.

I, Kathleen Capristo, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during the regular meeting held on the 11th day of February 2026.

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Kathleen Capristo, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2026-48

AUTHORIZING THE EXERCISING OF THIRD YEAR OPTION CONTRACT FOR LAWN AND FIELD MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, a two-year contract with a third year option for lawn and field maintenance services was awarded by Resolution 2024-52 on February 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the third year option within said contract specifies the period covered as March 15, 2026 – November 15, 2026 ; and

WHEREAS, the Vendor and the Township have mutually agreed to the terms of the third-year option as follows:

Vendor: Riverview Companies NJ, LLC.
(formally On-Site Landscaping)
204 Sweetmans Lane
Millstone, NJ 08535

Duration: 2026

Amount: $93,968.88

Budget Account No.: 6-01—027-299

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute all documents in this regard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND CERTIFIED John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer has hereby certified that funds for this purpose have been appropriated in the 2026 Municipal Budget and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Vendor, Riverview Companies NJ, LLC;
2. Louis Bader, Director, Public Works;
3. John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer; and

I, Kathleen Capristo, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during the regular meeting held on the 11th day of February 2026.

Kathleen Capristo, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2026-49

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF
TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE
CHERYL HOUSS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby acknowledges the receipt of and accepts the resignation of Cheryl Houss effective February 6, 2026.

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

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

I, Kathleen Capristo, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during the regular meeting held on the 11th day of February 2026.

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RESOLUTION 2026-50

CONFIRMING PROMOTION OF LAUREN ONDRUSH TO DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that pursuant to the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer that it hereby confirms the promotion of Lauren Ondrush to the position of Deputy Tax Collector, Colts Neck Township Tax Collection Department, at an annual salary of $48,500 effective February 6, 2026; and

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

1. John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer;
2. Lauren Ondrush, Deputy Tax Collector.

I, Kathleen Capristo, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during the regular meeting held on the 11th day of February 2026.

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RESOLUTION 2026-51

CONFIRMING HIRING COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/FINANCE CLERK FINANCE AND CLERK'S OFFICE ALEXANDRA TUCKER

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to hire Alexandra Tucker, as a full-time Administrative Assistant/Finance Clerk for the Finance and Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that it hereby confirms the hiring of Alexandra Tucker, as a full-time Administrative Assistant/Finance Clerk for Colts Neck Township at $46,000/annual, effective February 9, 2026; and

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

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

I, Kathleen Capristo, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during the regular meeting held on the 11th day of February 2026.

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