COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING - BUDGET WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 18, 2026
4:30 P.M., TOWN HALL

The Special Meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Viola followed by the 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 Two River Times on February 4, 2026 stating that a special meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held on February 18, 2026 at 4:30 p.m., Town Hall. A copy is on file in the office of the Township Clerk."

Roll call by Ms. Capristo indicated the following:

Present: Mayor Michael Viola, Deputy Mayor Dan Buzzetta, Committeewoman Tara Torchia Buss, Committeeman Frank Rizzuto, and Committeeman John Tobia

Also Present: Kathleen Capristo, Administrator/Municipal Clerk and John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer

Absent: None

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1. REVIEW OF THE TOWNSHIP BUDGETS

Mayor Viola opened the meeting advising that this is a budget workshop whereby the Governing Body will take a first look at the budget requests prepared by the various Township departments in collaboration with the Administrator and CFO. Mayor Viola advised that while there will be dialogue no final decisions regarding the budget will be made today but rather, the Committee will be capturing data and then working over the next month to finalize the budget that will be introduced on March 25, 2026.

The following budgets for 2026 were presented and discussed:

- Police Department (Chief Daniel DeVito)
- Recreation Department (Director Colby Marques)
- Department of Public Works (Director Louis Bader)
- Fire Department (Chief Michael Cusate, Former Chief John Sauter, and Tyler Badaracco)
- First Aid Squad (President Martha Leonhardt)
- All other Departments (Kathleen Capristo and John Antonides)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Seeing no members of the public present, Mayor Viola called for a motion to close public comments. On a motion by Committeewoman Buss, seconded by Deputy Mayor Buzzetta and a unanimous voice vote, public comment was closed.

3. ADJOURN

At 7:43 p.m., Mayor Viola called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by, Committeeman Rizzuto, seconded by Committeewoman Buss and a majority voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Kathleen Capristo

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Kathleen Capristo, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED: March 11, 2026