RESOLUTION 2026-171

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 thirty (30) 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 special meeting held on the 9th day of September 2026.

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Kathleen Capristo, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2026-172

REQUESTING NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES EMERGENCY ENFORCEMENT OF THE 2025 STAFFING MANDATE AND RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE EQUITY AGAINST JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT (JCP&L)

WHEREAS, residents of Colts Neck Township have experienced numerous power outages and substantial delays in having power restored by Jersey Central Power & Light ("JCP&L"); and

WHEREAS, most of the homes in Colts Neck Township have well and septic systems and as such, when there is a power failure, the residents not only experience a loss in power but also have no water or sewer system. As a result, they are the hardest impacted by loss of power; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township submits this Resolution in support of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBPU") to demand an immediate end to the regulatory delays surrounding **NJBPU Docket No. E02507053 (Order to Show Cause Regarding JCP&L Reliability Levels and Staffing)**; and

WHEREAS, JCP&L is legally mandated under **N.J.S.A. § 48:2-23** to provide "safe, adequate and proper service" to all New Jersey consumers on a non-discriminatory basis under **N.J.A.C. 14:3-3.1**;and

WHEREAS, JCP&L has systematically downsized its internal, full-time local road crews over the last decade, choosing to outsource critical restoration and maintenance infrastructure to out-of-state contractors to maximize corporate profits for FirstEnergy Corp; and

WHEREAS, this severe staffing deficit forces rural, low-density municipalities like Colts Neck Township to suffer discriminatory, multi-day delays in emergency power restoration because crews prioritize high-density urban areas; and

WHEREAS, a multi-day power outage represents an immediate, localized public health and sanitation emergency for Colts Neck Township residents due to our universal reliance on electrical infrastructure to power private water wells and septic systems; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it requests the Board of Public Utilities to demand an immediate end to the regulatory delays surrounding NJBPU, including but not limited to:

1. **REJECT WEAK SETTLEMENTS**: We demand that the NJBPU reject any backdoor settlement or consent order that does not legally mandate JCP&L to permanently increase its full-time internal, localized field crew headcount in Monmouth County.

2. **ENFORCE THE $44 MILLION PENALTY**: We demand that the State aggressively enforce the recommended administrative fines against JCP&L and forbid the utility from passing these legal or penalty costs onto consumers.

3. **MANDATE ROE COMPRESSION**: We demand that the Division of Rate Counsel petition to strip JCP&L of its allowed corporate profit margins (Return on Equity) until the automated "looping" upgrades for the Cream Ridge and Hornerstown Substation circuits are 100% complete.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Board of Public Utilities and the Monmouth County Clerk and be posted on the Township's website.

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 9th day of September 2026.

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Kathleen Capristo, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2026-173

CONFIRMING HIRING OF COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CLERK/PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER BRIAN O'MALLEY

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to hire Brian O'Malley, as a full-time Municipal Clerk/Public Information Officer; and

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

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 Brian O'Malley, as a full-time Municipal Clerk/Public Information Officer at $110,000/annual, effective October 13, 2026; and

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

1. Kathleen Capristo, Township Administrator;
2. John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer; and
3. Brian O'Malley.

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 9th day of September 2026.

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Kathleen Capristo, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2026-174

CONFIRMING HIRING OF
PART-TIME SMOKE CERTIFCATION INSPECTOR JEFFREY LOSACCO

WHEREAS, the Fire Official recommends hiring Jeffrey LoSacco as a Part-time Smoke Certification Inspector; and

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

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 Jeffrey LoSacco at a rate of $5,000 per annum effective September 8, 2026; and

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

1. Phil Engle, Fire Official;
2. Jeffrey LoSacco; 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 a special meeting held on the 9th day of September 2026.

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Kathleen Capristo, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2026-175

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT JOHN ANTONIDES

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to enter into an employment agreement (the "Agreement") with John Antonides (the "Employee"), who serves in the positions of Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collection, Qualified Purchasing Agent, and Tax Search Officer for Colts Neck Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to authorize execution of the Employee's Agreement for a period effective January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee have reviewed and agree to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Employment Agreement between Colts Neck Township and John Antonides attached hereto; and

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

1. John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer;
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 a special meeting held on the 9th day of September 2026.

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Kathleen Capristo, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2026-176

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING OF LEAF COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP OCTOBER 19, 2026 – JANUARY 21, 2028

WHEREAS, under the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-8 Colts Neck Township issued a Notice to Bidders for the furnishing and delivering of leaf collection services for the Department of Public Works of Colts Neck Township (the "Township"), which was published on the Township's website in keeping with N.J.S.A. 35:3-2; and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received and publicly opened on August 4, 2026, pursuant to law and this bid was subsequently rejected; and

WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township issued a second Notice to Bidders and no bids were received;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, the contract may then be negotiated and may then be awarded by adoption of a resolution by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the authorized membership of the Governing Body; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that it hereby awards a contract for said leaf collection and delivering services as follows:

Vendor:	Bennett Property and Design Works PO Box 4082 Middletown, NJ 07748
Duration:	October 19, 2026 – January 21, 2028
Amount:	$335,900 per year
Budget Account No.	6 – 01-024-463

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 9th day of September 2026.

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RESOLUTION 2026-177

AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A SPECIAL DEMOLITION PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR BLOCK 7.21; LOT 6, 15 LINDEN PLACE

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2026, the Township Committee adopted Resolution 2026-53 accepting a Special Demolition Performance Guarantee, in the amount of $15,000.00 to ensure an inground pool was demolished prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for an addition to be constructed unless a variance was granted to retain said pool for 15 Linden Place, Block 7.21, Lot 6; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2026, the Zoning Board of Adjustment memorialized a Resolution of Approval granting the variance to retain the pool seven (7) feet from the addition to be built; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planner recommends releasing the Special Demolition Performance Guarantee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township that pursuant to the recommendation of the Township Planner that it hereby authorizes the release of the $15,000 Special Demolition Performance Guarantee for Block 7.21, Lot 6, 15 Linden Place, PB2075:

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

1. John Antonides, Chief Financial Officer;
2. Tim Anfuso, Township Planner.

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 special meeting held on the 9th day of September 2026.

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Kathleen Capristo, Municipal Clerk

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