

**RESOLUTION 2026-71**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP  
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR MATTER  
BEFORE MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the retention of Special Counsel for the purpose of providing Colts Neck Township (the “Township”) with legal representation related to a matter currently pending before the Monmouth County Board of Agriculture concerning the operation of Carm’s Farm (the “Carm’s Farm matter”); and

**WHEREAS**, the services of a Special Counsel for matters relating to the Carm’s Farm matter are anticipated to have a value less than \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Steib, Esq., is an attorney known by Township staff as able and reputable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the necessary funds are available in the 2026 budget for the hiring of a Special Counsel to assist with the Carm’s Farm matter.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Colts Neck, County of Monmouth, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Michael Steib, Esq., is hereby designated as Special Counsel for the Township in connection with a pending matter before the Monmouth County Agricultural Board concerning the operation of Carm’s Farm.
2. The appointment is made without competitive bidding, as Attorney Steib’s services have an anticipated value of under \$17,500.00, thus exempting his appointment from the fair and open process requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4.
3. A Notice of this appointment shall be published on the Township’s website [www.coltsneck.org](http://www.coltsneck.org) under “public notices” as required by law.
4. That upon the adoption of the within resolution, the Municipal Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of it to the Township CFO, Purchasing Officer/QPA.
5. Upon the adoption of the within resolution, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized and directed to forward a certified copy to the Township CFO, and to Michael Steib, Esq., as Special Counsel for the Township and to execute a contract in accordance with this resolution. A copy of said contract shall be filed with the Clerk of the Township and shall be available for public inspection.

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

*Kathleen Capristo*

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Kathleen Capristo, Municipal Clerk

<b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>						
	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Viola			X			
Deputy Mayor Buzzetta		S	X			
Rizzuto			X			
Torchia Buss		M	X			
Tobia			X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent						