

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Budget Meeting held at the Municipal Building, 286 Route 46, Great Meadows, NJ,

February 20, 2016 9:00AM

The Budget Meeting of the Township Committee of Independence Township, Warren County, New Jersey was called to order by Mayor Robert Giordano at 9:00am. Mayor Giordano made the following announcement: "Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by providing a schedule of regular meetings to the Star Gazette and The Express –Times, posting a copy thereof on the Township bulletin board and filing a copy thereof in the office of the Municipal Clerk." The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Mayor Giordano.

Roll Call:

The following members of the Committee were in attendance: Mayor Robert Giordano, Mr. Feula, Mrs. Kelsey, Deputy Mayor Glenn Williams, Mr. Cogle
Also present Deborah Hrebenak and Kevin Lifer, CFO.

Budget:

CFO, Kevin Lifer presented the preliminary budget, the cap remains at 2%, discussion on each department's request. Mayor Giordano along with the Township Committee discussed requests with the Department Heads.

Recreation Department would like a full time person working with DPW and Recreation. Motion made for a part time position. Motion made by Mayor Giordano seconded by Deputy Mayor.

Ayes: Mrs. Kelsey, Deputy Mayor Williams, Mr. Cogle, and Mayor Giordano

Nays: Mr. Feula

Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with four (4) affirmative votes.

Deputy Mayor Williams exited the meeting at 11:00 am

Motion made for a 2% increase of salary. Motion made by Mayor Giordano seconded by Mrs. Kelsey.

Ayes: Mr. Feula, Mrs. Kelsey, Mr. Cogle, and Mayor Giordano

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with four (4) affirmative votes.

Fire Department and First Aid Squad requesting \$18,730 for equipment.

Motion made by Mayor Giordano seconded by Mrs. Kelsey.

Ayes: Mr. Feula, Mrs. Kelsey, Mr. Cogle, and Mayor Giordano

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with four (4) affirmative votes.

First Aid Squad – 7 year loan 2/3 cost of the truck \$235,000. First Aid squad - \$18,000. Donation \$26,500 covers cost.

Public Comment:

Mr. Cullen – appreciate everything we do.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Mr. Cogle seconded by Mayor Giordano the meeting adjourned at 12:10p.m. no further business before them.

Ayes: Mr. Feula, Mrs. Kelsey, Mr. Cogle, and Mayor Giordano

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded
Motion carries with four (4) affirmative votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah M. Hrebenak, RMC
Clerk/Administrator