

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Workshop Meeting held at the Municipal Building, Great Meadows, NJ,
March 1, 2016 6:30PM

This is a Workshop meeting of the Township Committee of Independence Township, Warren County, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Giordano at 6:30pm with 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:

Present: Mayor Robert Giordano, Bonnie Kelsey, Carmen Feula, Deputy Mayor Williams, Glenn Cogle, Deborah Hrebenak and Kevin Lifer, CFO.

Mayor Giordano addressed Pati Jarvis and Mike Sickels of the Independence First Aid Squad with reference to the budget, presently an extra \$18,000 is proposed for the 2016 budget for the First Aid Squad.

Budget discussion/2016 Budget will be introduced on First Reading at the March 8th meeting; second reading/public hearing will be at the April 5th meeting. Tax on Average House assessment of \$ 227,435 increase would be \$ 53.71.

- **Resolution 16-25: Raffle License SS. Peter & Paul Church Tricky Tray**

WHEREAS, SS. Peter & Paul R. C. Church is registered by the State of New Jersey to operate legalized games of chance, (253-1-2709) and,

WHEREAS, they have submitted an application for a Tricky Tray Raffle to be held on May 14, 2016 and all fees have been paid,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, that RA# 422 be issued to SS. Peter & Paul R.C. Church.

- **Resolution 16-26: Raffle License SS Peter & Paul Church 50/50**

WHEREAS, SS. Peter & Paul R. C. Church is registered by the State of New Jersey to operate legalized games of chance, (253-1-2709) and,

WHEREAS, they have submitted an application for a 50/50 Raffle to be held on May 14, 2016 and all fees have been paid,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, that RA# 423 be issued to SS. Peter & Paul R.C. Church.

A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to adopt Resolutions 16-25 and 26 as written. Mr. Feula seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Feula, Mrs. Kelsey, Deputy Mayor Williams, Mr. Cogle

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: Mayor Giordano

Motion carries with four (4) affirmative votes.

Mayor Giordano with the consent of the Township Committee appointed Rob Patton to serve on the Recreation Committee for a one (1) year term expiring 12.31.2016.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was approved at 6:45 p.m. to enter into Executive Session with a motion by Mr. Cogle, seconded by Deputy Mayor Williams and followed by a unanimous roll call. Both Sgt. Aber and Sgt. Aiello were in attendance.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified matter.

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

Personnel

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated matter will be made public at such time as deemed appropriate.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to come out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. and enter into regular session. Mayor Giordano seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

Mayor Giordano stated that personnel issues were discussed during the session resulting in no action to be taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Feula to appoint Sgt. Keith Aiello as Interim Police Chief effective July 1, 2016. Mayor Giordano seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

Public Comment:

None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Williams to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. Mr. Cogle seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah M. Hrebenak, RMC
Clerk/Administrator