

## **INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Workshop Meeting held at the Municipal Building, Great Meadows, NJ,  
April 4, 2017 7:00 PM**

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 6:30 pm 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 Cogle, Mike Pennington and Deborah Hrebenak.

### **Agenda:**

#### **Resolution 17-38 Raffle**

**WHEREAS**, Independence Township Volunteer Fire Dept. is registered by the State of New Jersey to operate legalized games of chance, (224-9-21561) and,

**WHEREAS**, they have submitted an application for a Raffle to be held on October 19, 2017 and all fees have been paid,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, that RA# 441 be issued to Independence Township Volunteer Fire Dept.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cogle to adopt Resolutions 17-38 as written. Mr. Feula seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Feula, Mrs. Kelsey, Deputy Mayor Cogle, and Mayor Giordano  
Nays: None recorded  
Abstain: Mr. Pennington

Motion carries with four (4) affirmative votes.

### **Public Comment:**

Mr. Cullen spoke about the school budget. He attended 2 meetings. He stated that there is a 1.9 million error. Overpayment to Hackettstown. Mr. Ulmer also had a concern on the school budget also.

Bond Council Michael Isreals brought the bond ordinance for the Mayor and Township Committee to review for the April 11, 2017 meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was approved at 7:45 p.m. to enter into Executive Session with a motion by Deputy Mayor Cogle, seconded by Mayor Giordano and followed by a unanimous roll call.

**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.

A motion was made by Mr. Feula to come out of Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. and enter into regular session. Mayor Giordano seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Feula, Mrs. Kelsey, Deputy Mayor Cogle, Mr. Pennington and 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.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mr. Pennington to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Kelsey seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah M. Hrebenak, RMC  
Clerk/Administrator