

## **INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Workshop Meeting held at the Municipal Building, Great Meadows, NJ,  
May 3, 2016 7:00PM**

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 7:00 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 Williams, Glenn Cogle, and Deborah Hrebenak.

### **Agenda:**

#### **Resolution 16-44: Older Americans Month MAY, 2016**

**Whereas**, the month of May is traditionally designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as Older Americans Month; and

**Whereas**, the theme for Older Americans Month 2016 is "Blaze a Trail" to acknowledge how older adults are discovering new interests and becoming involved in new activities, are giving back to their communities and setting an example for future generations; and

**Whereas**, the older residents of **INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP** have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for our residents; and

**Whereas**, **INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP** is committed to raising awareness about issues facing older Americans and helping all individuals to thrive in communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

**Whereas**, **INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP** encourages and supports all efforts that help our older residents take control of their health, safety and well-being.

**Now therefore**, **INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP** does hereby proclaim May 2016 to be Older Americans Month in **INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP**.

Residents of all ages are encouraged to take time this month to recognize our older citizens as vital contributors who enhance every aspect of our community.

**RESOLUTION 16-45: 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 20, 2016 and all fees have been paid,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, that RA# 430 be issued to Independence Township Volunteer Fire Dept.

A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to adopt Resolutions 16-45 as written. Mr. Feula seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

**RESOLUTION 16-46: Raffle Tricky Tray**

**WHEREAS**, **Thomas R. Kitchen Jr. Memorial Fund** is registered by the State of New Jersey to operate legalized games of chance, (181-5-41307) and,

**WHEREAS**, they have submitted an application for a Raffle to be held on June 5, 2016, and all fees have been paid,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, that RA# 429 is issued to Thomas R Kitchen Jr. Memorial Fund.

**RESOLUTION 16-47: RESOLUTION AWARDING AND CONFIRMING EMERGENCY CONTRACT AWARD FOR HIGH EFFICIENCY BOILER, BASEBOARD HEATERS AND AIR CONDITIONING CONDENSER TO HOBBIE HEAT & POWER INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law permits the award of emergency contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-6, subject to certain criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, due to heating system failures in the Township of Independence Municipal Complex which resulted in overall heating and air conditioning failures, emergency repairs and replacement parts were required which necessitated the need for a high efficiency boiler, baseboard heaters and air conditioning condensers in the sum of \$43,177.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Independence has deemed it necessary to invoke the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 to obtain the expeditious abatement of the above dangerous condition in a legal and timely manner and the Township Purchasing Agent and Administrator concurs that an emergency contract outside public bidding procedures was necessary to ensure the public health, safety and welfare of employees and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposal was received from Hobbie Heat and Power, Inc., and the proposal is attached to the original of this resolution, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, Hobbie Heat and Power has been advised to begin work on this project with the concurrence of the Township Administrator, to expedite the delivery and installation of units; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this work in the sum of \$43,177.00, which certificate is attached to the original of this resolution, and a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence that the issuance and payment of an Emergency Purchase Order to Hobbie Heat & Power Inc. in the Total Amount of \$43,177.00 for the equipment and services required to procure and install a new working boiler, baseboard heaters and air conditioning condensers for the Municipal Complex per the attached proposal, is hereby authorized and ratified.

A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to adopt Resolutions 16-44 and 16-47 as written. Mr. Feula seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was approved at 7:45 p.m. to enter into Executive Session with a motion by Mr. Feula, seconded by Mr. Cogle 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 Mayor Giordano to come out of Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. and enter into regular session. Mrs. Kelsey 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.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Mrs. Kelsey 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