

## **INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Workshop Meeting held at the Municipal Building, Great Meadows, NJ,  
May 2, 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. Attorney Leslie Parikh  
Also, present: John Inscho – Liberty Township Mayor and Keith DeTombeur - Allamuchy Mayor

### **Agenda:**

Pat Moffitt, New Jersey Environmental Consultant –

Pat Moffitt is an environmental consultant from New Jersey who has worked on projects around the world but who was shocked by the lack of science that the Highlands Act was based on – in fact "phony science" to get around federal studies and regulations that contradicted the very basis of the Highlands Act. He has done a tremendous amount of research to document how this "phony science" has been used to achieve predetermined political ends.

Pat discuss his findings and the impact on Independence Township.

The Committee took this under advisement. No action taken

**Public Comment:** None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was approved at 9:07 p.m. to enter into Executive Session with a motion by Deputy Mayor Cogle, seconded by Mr. Feula 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 Deputy Mayor Cogle to come out of Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. and enter into regular session. Mr. Feula 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. Feula to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 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