

# **INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Workshop Meeting held at the Municipal Building, Great Meadows, NJ,  
February 6, 2018 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 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, Tim Norton, Deputy Mayor Cogle, Mike Pennington and Deborah Hrebenak.

## **Agenda:**

Mayor Giordano stated that the County of Warren is not going to charge for the open space tax.

Mayor Giordano spoke about the 2018 Budget. Chief Aiello discussed the cameras for the cars, and body cameras and e-ticket machines. The Clerk called for an approval for the above purchases: Approved: Mayor Giordano, Mr. Norton, Mrs. Kelsey and Mr. Pennington Not Approved: Deputy Mayor Cogle

## **Resolution 18-23**

**AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES INCLUDING SMOKE DETECTOR AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR INSPECTIONS TO THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Independence, County of Warren and the Township of Washington, County of Morris, desire to renew a shared services agreement for the provision by Washington Township of Fire Prevention Office services to Independence Township; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are permitted to enter into such agreements pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65 -1 et seq.

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

1. That the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to renew the Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Independence, County of Warren and the Township of Washington, County of Morris, for Fire Prevention Office services for a term to commence January 1, 2018 and to terminate

on December 31, 2018.

2. A copy of the Agreement is on file in the office of the Township Clerk for inspection by the public.
3. A copy of this Agreement shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Division.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 18-24**

#### **Title or Subject: APPOINTMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence that the following appointment is hereby made:

**Anna Maria McDougal-Certified Tax Assessor P/T position, rate of \$ 26,000.00 per annum effective February 6, 2018. Four (4) Year Term beginning 7.01.2018 ending 6.30.2022.**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cogle to adopt Resolutions 18-23 and 18-24 as written. Mrs. Kelsey seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

Musconetcong Watershed meeting at Allamuchy primary contact: Glenn Cogle.

Introduction of the Budget at March's meeting.

DPW meeting with the State DEP Charles Cavanaugh to discuss Stormwater Management on February 8, 2018

**Public Comment:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cogle to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Mrs. Kelsey seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Norton, 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