

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

**Workshop Meeting held at the Municipal Building, Great Meadows, NJ,
June 4, 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, Tim Norton, Deputy Mayor Cogle, Mike Pennington and Deborah Hrebenak.

Absent: Bonnie Kelsey

Agenda:

Resolution 18-52

Title: Claimant Signature Requirement

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6(c), N.J.A.C. 5:31-4.1, and Local Finance Notice 2018-13 allows local units discretion to not require claimant certification under certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, a local unit may also enact a standard policy through resolution to not require claimant certification where the vendor or claimant does not provide such certification as part of its normal course of business, and

WHEREAS, in instituting such a policy, the local unit shall have the discretion to require claimant certification as it deems necessary and appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence in the County of Warren State of New Jersey hereby establishes a policy requiring the claimant signature under the following circumstances only:

1. Advances or reimbursement of employee expenses, and
2. Services provided exclusively and entirely by an individual (e.g. sole proprietors)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this policy will be applied in a non-arbitrary fashion and will be affirmatively communicated to vendors.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cogle to adopt Resolutions 18-52 as written. Mayor Giordano seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with four (4) affirmative votes.

Police Promotions: Promote the three candidates to 3 sergeants and move one to lieutenant with a stipend. Sergeants working 7-7 and 3-3 shifts. Lieutenant will work Monday-Friday 10 hours shifts.

Security detail at Island Dragway was discussed.

Discussion – Ordinance for Maintenance of Vacant/Abandoned Properties. Zoning officer will discuss at township meeting next week.

Public Comment: None

League Meeting in Atlantic City November 13-15

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The following Resolution was approved at 8:15 p.m. to enter Executive Session with a motion by Deputy Mayor Cogle, seconded by Mayor Giordano and followed by a unanimous roll call

WHEREAS: N.J.S. 2:4-12, Open Public Meetings Act, 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, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters;

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

Personnel

It is anticipated at this time that the above matter will be made public upon completion of the matter discussed.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cogle at 8:30 p.m. to exit the executive session, seconded by Mr. Norton by a roll call of all ayes.

Mayor Giordano stated that the executive session was to discuss personnel and no action will be taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Norton to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Deputy Mayor Cogle seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with four (4) affirmative votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah M. Hrebenak, RMC
Clerk/Administrator