

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Meeting held at the Municipal Building, Great Meadows, NJ,
January 5, 2021
7:00 p.m.

The Reorganization meeting of the Township Committee of Independence Township, Warren County, New Jersey was called to order by Committeeman Robert M Giordano. The following announcement was made: “Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by providing a schedule of regular meetings to the NJ Herald 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 Committeeman Robert M Giordano

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on in-person public gatherings by executive orders of the Governor of New Jersey, meetings of the Independence Township Committee will be held remotely via Zoom. The Zoom platform allows for members of the public to participate via computer, mobile device, or telephone. Both adequate and electronic notice of this meeting have been provided by publishing a revised annual notice in the two official newspapers designated by the Township, posting such notice on the door of the municipal building, and posting such notice on the municipal website. Such notice specifies the time of this meeting and provided instructions on how to access the meeting remotely.

Comments can also be emailed by 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting to dhrebenak@independencenj.com. Written comments may also be submitted via mail or dropped off at the municipal building. Written comments must be no more than 450 words and must include your name and address. Such comments will be read into the record at the appropriate time.

Live comments will also be accepted during the appropriate times of the meeting via Zoom. If you wish to make a comment during the meeting please use the “raise hand” button on your screen if you are signed in via Zoom. If you are accessing the meeting via telephone, please hit *9 and the meeting moderator will call on you and identify you by the last few digits of your phone number. You can press *6 to unmute yourself. Please state your name and address before beginning your comment. The Township reserves the right to mute or remove disruptive meeting participants after an initial warning. Disruptive conduct includes sustained inappropriate behaviors such as, but not necessarily limited to, shouting, interruption, and use of profanity.

Please be advised that this meeting is being recorded.

Deborah M Hrebenak, Municipal Clerk/Administrator administered the Oath of Office to elected Township Committeewoman Bonnie Kelsey and Committeewoman Kathleen Gesumaria for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Roll Call:

Bonnie Kelsey, Michael Pennington, Glenn Cogle, Robert Giordano and Kathleen Gesumaria

Nomination for Mayor: Mr. Cogle made a motion to nominate Robert Giordano. Mrs. Kelsey seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gesumaria, Mrs. Kelsey, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Cogle, and Mr. Giordano
Nays: None recorded
Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

Nomination for Deputy Mayor: Mr. Pennington made a motion to nominate Glenn Cogle as Deputy Mayor, Mrs. Kelsey seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gesumaria, Mrs. Kelsey, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Cogle, and Mr. Giordano
Nays: None recorded
Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

Areas of Responsibility:

Mayor Giordano made the following liaison appointments:

- Board of Education – Kathleen Gesumaria
- DPW – Glenn Cogle
- Emergency Services–Robert Giordano
- Environmental – Glenn Cogle
- Land Use Board-Bonnie Kelsey/Glenn Cogle
- Personnel – Robert Giordano
- Police Commissioner– Michael Pennington
- Recreation – Michael Pennington

Annual Appointments:

Mayor Giordano made the following appointments:

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| Payroll Clerk | Deborah M Hrebenak |
| Deputy Treasurer | Deborah M Hrebenak |
| Tax Search Officer | Tax Collector |
| Assessment Search Officer | Deborah M Hrebenak |
| Solid Waste Advisor | Environmental Commission |
| Recycling Coordinator | JoAnn Fascenelli |
| OEM | Ernest Kinney, Coordinator |
| | Thomas Tagliareni - Deputy Coordinator |
| 911 Coordinator | Deborah M Hrebenak |

Township Professionals:

Mayor Giordano made the following Professional Services appointments with the endorsement of the full Township Committee:

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| Attorney: | Gebhardt & Kiefer Law Firm |
| Engineer: | Finelli Consulting Engineers |
| Prosecutor: | Roger Skoog |
| Public Defender: | Scott M. Wilhelm |
| Auditor: | Man Lee, Nisivoccia & Company |
| Bond Counsel: | Michael Israels |
| Planner: | David Banisch, Banisch Associates, Inc. |
| Insurance Agent: | Randy May – Otterstedt Insurance Agency |

Boards and Commissions:

Land Use Board:

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| Bonnie Kelsey | Class I | 1Yr. Term | Exp. 12/31/21 |
| George Ulmer | Class II | 1Yr. Term | Exp. 12/31/21 |
| Glenn Cogle | Class III | 1Yr. Term | Exp. 12/31/21 |
| Geoffrey Cullen | Class IV | 4 Yr. Term | Exp. 12/31/24 |
| James Kelsey | Class IV | 4 Yr. Term | Exp. 12/31/24 |
| Lucy Carvino | Alt. #3 | 2 Yr. Term | Exp. 12/31/22 |
| Robert Neumann | Alt. #4 | 2 Yr. Term | Exp. 12/31/22 |

Consent Agenda:

Resolution: 21-01: Cash Management Plan

Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes and Municipal Charges

In accordance with RS: 4-67, the interest rate on delinquent taxes and municipal charges shall be as follows:

1. 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency
2. 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500

No interest shall be charged for a 10-day grace period; after the 10-day grace period, interest shall be calculated from the due date.

An additional penalty of 6% of the amount of the delinquency will be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

The Tax Collector is authorized to process or cancel without further action on part of the governing body, any property tax overpayment or delinquency of less than \$10.00. The Tax Collector is further authorized to conduct the annual sale of delinquent taxes for the calendar year 2020.

Investment of Funds

The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to invest funds, as they shall become available, to attain the highest rate of return, provided that all investments are reported to the Township Committee at the next meeting subsequent to the making of the investments.

Official Depositories

In accordance with NJSA 40A: 5-15, all monies collected by taxation, received from any source by or on behalf of any local unit or any board or department shall be deposited or turned over to the Chief Financial Officer within 48 hours.

The following banks are designated as official depositories for checking and/or escrow funds for the Township for 2021, as well as savings funds and investment accounts:

First Hope Bank

Authorized Signatures

All withdraws against the foregoing accounts shall bear the signatures of two of the following officials: Mayor and Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution 21-02

Title or Subject: Official Newspapers

Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, that the following newspapers be designated as official newspapers of the Township of Independence for the purpose of legal notices:

New Jersey Herald
Express-Times NJ Zone

Resolution: 21-03

Title or Subject: Annual Meeting Notice

WHEREAS, on October 21, 1975, The Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law) became the law of the State of New Jersey, which became law effective on January 19, 1976 and has from time to time been amended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, requirements of notice to the Public are prescribed for meetings of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Independence which notice shall occur at its annual reorganization meeting, but not later than January 10th of each year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of

Independence Township, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the following days during 2021 are designated as the workshop and regular meetings of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Independence:

Reorganization Meeting January 5, 2021 at 7:00PM

Township Committee Workshop Meeting

February 2, 2021	7 p.m.	July 6, 2021	7 p.m.
March 2, 2021	7 p.m.	August 3, 2021	7 p.m.
April 6, 2021	7 p.m.	September 7, 2021	7 p.m.
May 4, 2021	7 p.m.	October 5, 2021	7 p.m.
June 2, 2021	*Wed 7 p.m.	November 3, 2021	*Wed 7 p.m.
		December 7, 2021	7 p.m.

Township Committee Meeting

January 12, 2021	7 p.m.	July 13, 2021	7 p.m.
February 9, 2021	7 p.m.	August 10, 2021	7 p.m.
March 9, 2021	7 p.m.	September 14, 2021	7 p.m.
April 13, 2021	7 p.m.	October 12, 2021	7 p.m.
May 11, 2021	7 p.m.	November 9, 2021	7 p.m.
June 8, 2021	7 p.m.	December 14, 2021	7 p.m.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, 286-B RT. 4 GREAT MEADOWS NEW JERSEY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
OFFICIAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT ANY MEETING.

Resolution: 21-04

Title or Subject: Temporary Budget

WHEREAS, 40A: 4-19 Local Budget Act provides that temporary appropriations be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided: and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January 2021 and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2020 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$4,329,912.45; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2020 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said 2020 budget is the sum of \$1,136,602.02.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

Resolution: 21-05 Tax Appeals and Other Action Involving

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of Independence Township are aware that the Tax Assessor of the Township of Independence may be required from time to time to correct errors made in computing the tax assessments of properties located within Independence; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee are aware that the laws of New Jersey permit any taxpayer of Independence Township to file a Petition of Appeal with the Warren County Board of Taxation or the Tax Court of the State of New Jersey to adjust this valuation of property or to correct errors made therein; and

WHEREAS, the municipality must be represented at such hearings by its Tax Assessor and by the Municipal Attorney who by law shall be authorized to settle such appeals with taxpayers of Independence Township when it appears that such settlement is in the best interest of the Township and the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, in the event a settlement is reached, the laws of the State of New Jersey require that a Stipulation of Settlement be prepared memorializing the agreement which was reached which Stipulation must then be filed with the Warren County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Township of Independence has requested the Mayor and Township Committee to enact a resolution specifically authorizing the Tax Assessor to enter into agreements with taxpayers of the Township of Independence to correct errors and to settle appeals including the authority to execute stipulations of Settlement with taxpayers and appellants.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Independence that the Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to adjust errors found in the tax assessments covering property within Independence Township, negotiate and enter into settlements of appeals by taxpayers of their tax assessments and in all respects the Tax Assessor is authorized by law including the signing of all such stipulations and settlement agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Attorney of the Township of Independence is hereby authorized to represent the Township in connection with all matters concerning the assessment of taxes including but not limited to negotiation of settlements, the preparation of settlement stipulations, and the signing of all documents as may be required by law on behalf of the Township of Independence;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor and the Township Attorney be and the same are hereby authorized to appear on behalf of the Township of Independence before the Warren County Board of Taxation and the Tax Court of the State of New Jersey and to do and perform all lawful acts before such Board and Court on behalf of the Township of Independence as may be provided by law including the authority to enter into settlement agreements and judgments by consent.

Resolution 21-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR THE POSITIONS OF ENGINEER, BOND COUNSEL, PLANNER & AUDITOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 RESOLUTION NO. 21-06

WHEREAS, the Township of Independence has a need to acquire an Engineer, Bond Counsel, Planner and Auditor as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, Finelli Consulting Engineers as Municipal Engineering Firm, Special Bond Counsel Michael Isreals, Banisch Associates, Inc. and Man Lee of Nisivoccia LLP for Township Accountant/Auditor have determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of these contracts is one year;
and

WHEREAS, Finelli Consulting Engineers, Attorney Michael Isreals, Banisch Associates, Inc. and Nisivoccia LLP have submitted proposals tracts indicating they will provide the following services:

- a. Finelli Consulting Engineers – Engineering services;
- b. Attorney Michael Isreals-Special Bond Counsel
- c. Banisch Associates, Inc.-Professional Planning Services
- d. Nisivoccia LLP – review of 2020 financial records and preparation of annual audit.

WHEREAS, Finelli Consulting Engineers, Attorney Michael Isreals, Banisch Associates, Inc. and Nisivoccia LLP have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the aforesaid have not made any reportable contributions to a political candidate or candidate for Township Committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Finelli Consulting Engineers, Attorney Michael Isreals, Banisch Associates, Inc. and Nisivoccia LLP from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are funds available for the procuring of these services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 pending approval by the Township Committee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Township of Independence is authorized to enter into contracts with Finelli Consulting Engineers, Attorney Michael Isreals, Banisch Associates, Inc. and Nisivoccia LLP as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this Resolution will be published in the NJ Herald and Express-Times NJ Zone, the official newspapers of the Township of Independence.

Resolution 21-07

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the performance of legal services for Independence Township for the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, funds are, or will be made, available for this purpose to be certified by the Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*) authorizes the hiring of an attorney without competitive bidding providing that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bidding and the contract itself be made available for public inspection.

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

1. Richard P. Cushing, Esq., and Leslie Parikh of Gebhardt & Kiefer, P.C., are hereby appointed to serve as Municipal Attorney for Independence Township during the year 2021 in order to provide legal services for Independence Township.
2. The Mayor and Committee shall enter into a mutually agreeable written compensation agreement with said Attorney within thirty (30) days of the date of this Resolution.

3. This Agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

Resolution 21-08

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A
NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR THE POSITIONS
OF Special Tax Counsel
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

WHEREAS, the Township of Independence has a need to acquire a Special Tax Counsel as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, Martin Allen Esq., as Special Tax Counsel have determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of these contracts is one year; and

WHEREAS, Martin Allen Esq. has submitted a proposal indicating he will provide the following services of Special Tax Counsel

WHEREAS, Martin Allen Esq. have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the aforesaid have not made any reportable contributions to a political candidate or candidate for Township Committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Martin Allen Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are funds available for the procuring of these services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 pending approval by the Township Committee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Township of Independence is authorized to enter into contract with Martin Allen Esq.as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of this Resolution will be published in the NJ Herald and Express-Times NJ Zone, the official newspaper of the Township of Independence.

Resolution 21-09

**TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2 each public agency shall designate an individual to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer or P.A.C.O; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of The Township of Independence, (hereinafter "Public Agency") in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, hereby designates Deborah M Hrebenak, R.M.C., as its Public Agency Compliance Officer;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution to the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Contracts Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts.

Resolution 21-10

Title or Subject: APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence the following appointments/adjustments are hereby made:

Julius Somogyi-Patrolman First Class, at a rate of \$ 93,908.00 per annum effective January 1, 2021.

Resolution 21-11

Title or Subject: APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence the following appointments/adjustments are hereby made:

Gerrit Kinney-Patrolman Third Class, at a rate of \$ 80,716.00 per annum effective January 1, 2021.

Resolution 21-12

Title or Subject: APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence the following appointments/adjustments are hereby made:

Joseph Bozzone-Patrolman Fourth Class, at a rate of \$ 75,356.00 per annum effective January 1, 2021.

Resolution 21-13

Title or Subject: APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence the following appointments/adjustments are hereby made:

Michael Meistrell-Patrolman Fourth Class, at a rate of \$ 75,356.00 per annum effective January 1, 2021.

Resolution 21-14

Title or Subject: APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence the following appointments/adjustments are hereby made:

Rafael Ortiz-Patrolman Fourth Class, at a rate of \$75,356.00 per annum effective January 1, 2021.

Resolution 21-15

Title or Subject: APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence the following appointments/adjustments are hereby made:

Khilian Bernard-Patrolman Fifth Class, at a rate of \$ 70,000.00 per annum effective January 1, 2021.

Resolution 21-16

Title or Subject: APPOINTMENTS/ POLICE OFFICER

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

Jacob R Lloyd-Police Officer Sixth Class, at a rate of \$ 53,940.00 per annum effective January 5, 2021.

Resolution 21-17

Title or Subject: Approval of Kennel License-Happy Tails Inn

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, the Kennel license is hereby issued to Animal Control Officers Rebecca Burton and Jeff Eyre owners of Happy Tails Inn, 69 Route 46 East, Hackettstown New Jersey, the license commences on January 1, 2021 and terminates on December 31, 2021.

Resolution 21-18

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT NICOLE N. LENAR, ESQ. AS JUDGE OF INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, the Township of Independence has established a Municipal Court;
and

WHEREAS, a Judge must be appointed to preside over same; and

WHEREAS, Nicole N. Lenar, ESQ. a licensed New Jersey Attorney has heretofore served in that capacity; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt this resolution reflecting that fact;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved on this 5th. day of January 2021 that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-4(A) that Nicole N. Lenar, ESQ. is hereby appointed as Judge of the Independence Township Municipal Court for a term of three (3) years effective January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2023.

Mr. Cogle made a motion to approve the consent agenda Resolution 21-01 thru 21-18; Mayor Giordano seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

New Business:

Ordinance 2021-01

Introduction/First Reading

**CALENDAR YEAR 2021
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Independence in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body hereby determines that a 2.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$80,438.30 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the governing body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the governing body of the Township of Independence, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Independence shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$112,613.62, and that the CY 2021 municipal budget for the Township of Independence be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to adopt Ordinance 2021-01 for First Reading. Mayor Giordano seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded.

Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

Second reading and public hearing will be on February 9, 2021

Budget Sub-Committee

A motion was made by Mayor Giordano to form a budget sub-committee of Mr. Pennington and Mayor Giordano with alternate of Mr. Cogle and Mrs. Kelsey. Mrs. Kelsey seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded.

Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

Public Comment: none

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion made by Mr. Cogle seconded by Mrs. Gesumaria at 7:20pm to adjourn meeting.

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah M Hrebenak, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator