

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Meeting held at the Municipal Building, Great Meadows, NJ.
August 2, 2022 7:00 p.m.

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 p.m. 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 Herald Times 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: Mrs. Gesumaria, Mrs. Kelsey, Mayor Giordano, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Cogle, and Dena Hrebenak, RMC.

Absent: None

ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE 2022-08 Second Reading/Public Comment

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08

**AMENDING CHAPTER 380 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
INDEPENDENCE ENTITLED "VACANT AND ABANDONED
STRUCTURES" REGARDING THE REGISTRATION OF VACANT AND
FORECLOSED PROPERTIES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH P.L. 2021, C. 444**

Mr. Cogle made a motion to open up discussion on this ordinance to the Public. Mrs. Gesumaria seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

As there were no comments, a motion was made by Mr. Cogle to close the public hearing. Mrs. Gesumaria seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to adopt Ordinance 2022-08 as written. Mrs. Gesumaria seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: Mrs. Kelsey

ORDINANCE 2022-09 Second Reading/Public Comment

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE AMENDING CHAPTER 175 OF THE
TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED "UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODES," IN ORDER TO AMEND
CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL INSPECTIONS**

Mr. Cogle made a motion to open up discussion on this ordinance to the Public. Mrs. Gesumaria seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded
Abstain: None recorded

As there were no comments, a motion was made by Mr. Cogle to close the public hearing. Mrs. Gesumaria seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Kelsey, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Cogle, Mrs. Gesumaria and Mayor Giordano
Nays: None recorded
Abstain: None recorded

A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to adopt Ordinance 2022-09 as written. Mrs. Gesumaria seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Kelsey, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Cogle, Mrs. Gesumaria and Mayor Giordano
Nays: None recorded
Abstain: None recorded

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:06 pm – 7:25 pm

The following Resolution was approved at 7:06 p.m. to enter Executive Session with a motion by Mr. Cogle, seconded by Mrs. Gesumaria 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 Mr. Cogle at 7:25 p.m. to return to regular session, seconded by Mrs. Gesumaria followed by a roll call of all ayes

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Mrs. Gesumaria seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Cogle, Mr. Pennington, Mrs. Kelsey, Mrs. Gesumaria, and Mayor Giordano
Nays: None recorded
Abstain: None recorded

Respectfully submitted,

Dena M. Hrebenak, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator