

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Meeting held at the Municipal Building, Great Meadows, NJ.
October 10, 2023 7:00 p.m.

This is a regular meeting of the Township Committee of Independence Township, Warren County, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Micheal Pennington 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 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 Deputy Mayor Pennington.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Stuber, Deputy Mayor Pennington, Mrs. Gesumaria, Mrs. Kelsey, and Dena Hrebenak.

Absent: Mayor Giordano

Minute Approval: 9. 12. 2023

A motion was made by Mrs. Gesumaria to approve minutes 9.12.23 as written. Mr. Stuber seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Deputy Mayor Pennington, Mr. Stuber, Mrs. Gesumaria, and Mrs. Kelsey.

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CFO Report – CFO spoke on the budget

Tax Collector – Report submitted

Construction/Zoning – Reports submitted

Environmental – No meeting

Recreation/Green Acres – 1st Senior bus trip was success. Fall sports in full swing.

Police – Report submitted.

Emergency Services – Chief Vasquez gave GMEMS September Report. Fire Department raffles - October 19 money raffle and December 10 raffle Ranger SP 570 Premium.

Breakfast – November 12

DPW – All is going well. Blacktop/patching done on Barkers Mill Rd, Ryan Rd and Mt. Rascal Rd.

Land Use Board – No meeting.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

Attorney Parikh: Report submitted.

Engineer Finelli: Report submitted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 23-60

Title: 50/50 Raffle

WHEREAS, Hackettstown HS Baseball Booster Club is registered by the State of New Jersey to operate legalized games of chance, (181-5-43115) and,

WHEREAS, they have submitted applications for a 50/50 Raffle to be held on 11.18.2023 and all fees have been paid,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, that RA# 2023-12 be issued to Hackettstown HS Baseball Booster Club.

Resolution 23-61

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has determined that a payment has been made in error by the mortgage company; said error has caused an overpayment of taxes paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 10th day of October 2023 by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence that the individual below be refunded the overpayment of taxes.

ASSESSED TO	PROPERTY LOCATION	BLOCK/LOT	AMOUNT
Alfredo Feliciano	128 Route 46	11/24	\$1,670.26

Mrs. Gesumaria made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-60 thru 23-61 as written. Mrs. Kelsey seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Stuber, Mrs. Gesumaria, Mrs. Kelsey, and Deputy Mayor Pennington

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Cougle gave a report on the Fuela Family and spoke on the barn on the corner of Cemetery Rd and Route 46. Mr. Wiseman asked about the municipal building accident and migrates coming to the township. Mrs. Susan Cullen thanked the Clerk/Administrator for all her help on solicitors. Mr. Larry Aiello spoke about Green Acres. Mr. John Snyder asked about bollards doors.

BILLS: A motion was made by Mrs. Gesumaria to pay the bills as presented. Mrs. Kelsey seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Deputy Mayor Pennington, Mr. Stuber, Mrs. Gesumaria, and Mrs. Kelsey

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Gesumaria to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Mrs. Kelsey seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Deputy Mayor Pennington, Mr. Stuber, Mrs. Gesumaria, and Mrs. Kelsey.

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Respectfully submitted,

Dena M. Hrebenak, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator