

**Independence Township Committee
Reorganization Meeting Agenda
January 2, 2024
7:00 pm**

Call to Order, Flag Salute, Open Public Meetings Act

**Appointment/Oath of Office Committee Members Elect
3 Year Term- Expiring 12.31.26**

Kathy Gesumaria

Roll Call

Nomination of Mayor

Nomination of Deputy Mayor

Areas of Responsibility:

- **Board of Education-Robert Giordano**
- **DPW- Michael Pennington**
- **Emergency Services-Robert Giordano**
- **Environmental- Robert Giordano**
- **Land Use Board- Bonnie Kelsey/Jonathan Stuber**
- **Personnel-Robert Giordano**
- **Police Commissioner-Michael Pennington**
- **Recreation-Kathleen Gesumaria**

Annual Appointments:

Deputy Treasurer	Dena M. Hrebenak
Payroll Clerk	Dena M. Hrebenak
Tax Search Officer	Tax Collector
Assessment Search	Dena M. Hrebenak
Solid Waste Advisory	Environmental Commission
Recycling Coordinator	Joanne Fascenelli
Emergency Management	Thomas Tagliareni- Coordinator
	-Deputy Coordinator
911 Coordinator	Dena M Hrebenak

Township Professionals:

Attorney	Gebhardt & Kiefer Law Firm
Engineer	Finelli Consulting Engineering
Municipal Court Judge	Nicole N Lenar, Esq.
Prosecutor	Steven Siegel, Esq.
Public Defender	Scott Wilhelm
Auditor	Man Lee, Nisivoccia LLP
Bond Counsel	Michael Israels
Planner	David Banisch, Banisch Associates
Insurance Agent	Randy May, Otterstedt Insurance Agency

Boards and Commissions:

Land Use Board		
Bonnie Kelsey	Class I 1Yr. Term	Exp. 12/31/24
Harry Noble	Class II 1Yr. Term	Exp. 12/31/24
Jonathan Stuber	Class III 1Yr. Term	Exp. 12/31/24
Ricardo Fernandez	Class IV 4 yr Term	Exp. 12/31/27
Mark Rafalko	Class IV (unexpired term Fuela)	Exp 12/31/26
Melissa Milano	Alternate #1 (unexpired term Rafalko)	Exp 12/31/25
Lucy Carvino	Alternate #2(unexpired term Milano)	Exp 12/31/25
Robert Neumann	Alternate #3 (unexpired term Carvino)	Exp 12/31/24

Consent Agenda:

- Resolution 24-01** **Cash Management Plan**
- Resolution 24-02** **Official Newspaper**
- Resolution 24-03** **Annual Meeting Notice**
- Resolution 24-04** **Temporary Budget**
- Resolution 24-05** **Tax Appeals and Other Action Involving
The Warren County Tax Board**
- Resolution 24-06** **Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open
Contract for The Positions of Engineer, Bond Counsel, Planner and
Auditor**
- Resolution 24-07** **Appointment Municipal Attorney**
- Resolution 24-08** **Appointment Special Tax Attorney**
- Resolution 24-09** **Designating the Public Agency Compliance Officer**
- Resolution 24-10** **Adjustment Patrolman First Class-Somogyi**
- Resolution 24-11** **Adjustment Patrolman First Class-Kinney**
- Resolution 24-12** **Adjustment Patrolman Second Class-Bozzone**
- Resolution 24-13** **Adjustment Patrolman Second Class-Meistrell**
- Resolution 24-14** **Adjustment Patrolman Second Class-Ortiz**
- Resolution 24-15** **Adjustment Patrolman Third Class- Bernard**
- Resolution 24-16** **Adjustment Patrolman Fourth Class- Lloyd**
- Resolution 24-17:** **Approval of Kennel License-Happy Tails Inn**

New Business:

- Ordinance 2024-01** *Introduction/First Reading*
**ORDINANCE To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A
Cap Bank (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)**

Second Reading 2.13.24

Old Business:

Public Comment:

Executive Session:

Adjournment: