

**Independence Township Committee  
Reorganization Meeting Agenda  
January 6, 2026  
7:00 pm**

**Call to Order, Flag Salute, Open Public Meetings Act**

**Appointment/Oath of Office Committee Members Elect  
3 Year Term- Expiring 12.31.28**

*Michael Pennington*

**Roll Call**

**Nomination of Mayor**

**Nomination of Deputy Mayor**

**Soccer Team Awards:**

**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:**

<b>Deputy Treasurer</b>	<b>Dena M. Hrebenak</b>
<b>Payroll Clerk</b>	<b>Dena M. Hrebenak</b>
<b>Tax Search Officer</b>	<b>Tax Collector</b>
<b>Assessment Search</b>	<b>Dena M. Hrebenak</b>
<b>Solid Waste Advisory</b>	<b>Environmental Commission</b>
<b>Recycling Coordinator</b>	<b>Joanne Fascenelli</b>
<b>Emergency Management</b>	<b>Dena M. Hrebenak- Coordinator</b>
	<b>Ernest Kinney -Deputy Coordinator</b>
<b>911 Coordinator</b>	<b>Dena M Hrebenak</b>

**Township Professionals:**

<b>Attorney</b>	<b>Gebhardt &amp; Kiefer Law Firm</b>
<b>Engineer</b>	<b>Finelli Consulting Engineering</b>

**Municipal Court Judge  
Prosecutor  
Public Defender  
Auditor  
Bond Counsel  
Planner  
Insurance Agent**

**Nicole N Lenar, Esq.  
Scott Wilhelm  
Man Lee, Nisivoccia LLP  
Michael Israels  
David Banisch, Banisch Associates  
Randy May, Otterstedt Insurance Agency**

**Boards and Commissions:**

**Land Use Board**

Bonnie Kelsey	Class I 1Yr. Term	Exp. 12/31/26
Martin Szewczyk	Class II 1Yr. Term	Exp. 12/31/26
Jonathan Stuber	Class III 1Yr. Term	Exp. 12/31/26
Glenn Cogle		
Lucy Carvino	Alternate #1	Exp. 12/31/28
John Snyder, Jr	Alternate #2	Exp. 12/31/27
Nick Biamonte	Alternate #3	Exp. 12/31/26
	Alternate #4	Exp. 12/31/26

**Consent Agenda:**

<b>Resolution 26-01</b>	<b>Cash Management Plan</b>
<b>Resolution 26-02</b>	<b>Official Newspaper</b>
<b>Resolution 26-03</b>	<b>Annual Meeting Notice</b>
<b>Resolution 26-04</b>	<b>Temporary Budget</b>
<b>Resolution 26-05</b>	<b>Tax Appeals and Other Action Involving The Warren County Tax Board</b>
<b>Resolution 26-06</b>	<b>Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for The Positions of Engineer, Bond Counsel, Planner and Auditor</b>
<b>Resolution 26-07</b>	<b>Appointment Municipal Attorney</b>
<b>Resolution 26-08</b>	<b>Appointment Special Tax Attorney</b>
<b>Resolution 26-09</b>	<b>Designating the Public Agency Compliance Officer</b>
<b>Resolution 26-10</b>	<b>Adjustment Patrolman First Class- Lloyd</b>
<b>Resolution 26-11</b>	<b>Adjustment Patrolman Fifth Class- Sapunarich</b>
<b>Resolution 26-12</b>	<b>Approval of Kennel License-Happy Tails Inn</b>

**New Business:**

**Ordinance 2026-01                      *Introduction/First Reading***  
**ORDINANCE To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A  
Cap Bank (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)**

*Second Reading 2.10.26*

**Bill List**

**Old Business:**

**Public Comment:**

**Executive Session:**

**Adjournment:**