

**Independence Township Committee  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
June 11, 2024  
7:00 pm**

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

**Roll Call: Mrs. Gesumaria, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Stuber, Mayor Giordano**

**Department Reports:**

**Chief Harchar stated that in the past month the fire department calls were as follows; three fire alarms, one motor vehicle accident, three calls for wires down for a total of seven calls. The fire department has also been performing training.**

**Mr. King stated that the DPW has been performing maintenance on catch basins and maintaining the fields.**

**Mrs. Shurack stated that everything with recreation is going well. The senior group is taking line dance lessons and just had their picnic. The bus trip to dinner on the Hudson is full and the next available trip is to see the Rockettes.**

**Consent Agenda:**

**24-42**

**RESOLUTION**

**REFUND OF DUPLICATE PAYMENT**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE 2024 by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence that the individual below be refunded the overpayment of taxes.

<b>ASSESSED TO</b>	<b>PROPERTY LOCATION</b>	<b>BLOCK/LOT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Alfredo Feliciano	128 Route 46	11/24	1,670.25

No. 24-43

Date of Adoption: June 11, 2024

**Title or Subject: 2024-2025 Renewal Liquor Licenses**

**WHEREAS**, the renewal applications for the following liquor licenses have been submitted to the Municipal Clerk with the proper fees, and

**WHEREAS**, Clearance certificates from the State Division of Taxation have been received by the Municipal Clerk for all of the licenses, and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief has not indicated the need for special restrictions on any of the establishments,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Independence Township Committee, that the following liquor licenses be renewed for the period of July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2025:

Club:		
Independence Twp Vol Fire Dept		2112-31-010-001
<i>Retail:</i>		
Zoey's LLC		2112-33-001-012
Nykuns Store Inc		2112-33-004-002
Maria Bonita, INC		2112-33-003-006
133 Route 46 LLC		2112-32-002-007
Stage Dolls, LLC		2112-33-006-011
Grow with Map Inc.		2112-44-009-003

Resolution 24-44

2024 Clean Communities Grant

**WHEREAS, NJS 40A: 4-87** provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Independence has received notice of an award of \$18,124.35 from the State of New Jersey, Special Legislative Grant and wishes to amend its 2023 Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence in the County of Warren State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director and the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the amount of \$20,585.84 which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated  
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the  
Division of Local Government Services:  
State and Federal Revenues Off-set with  
Appropriations: State of New Jersey Special Legislative Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the sum of \$20,585.84  
Be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of  
General Appropriations:

- (a) Operations Excluded from CAPS  
State and Federal Programs Off-Set by  
Revenues: 2024 Clean Communities Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Clerk forward one certified copy of this  
resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**Warren County, New Jersey**

**No. 24-45**

**Date of Adoption: June 1, 2024**

**Title or Subject: Approval of Fire Department Member (Chuck Harvey)**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for members on the Independence Volunteer Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Chuck Harvey has made application for membership to the Fire Department and  
has been approved by the Membership Committee; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, that *Chuck Harvey* is hereby approved as a member of the Independence Volunteer Fire Department.

Mrs. Gesumaria made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which was seconded by Mrs. Kelsey.

Ayes: Mrs. Gesumaria, Mr. Stuber, Mrs. Kelsey, Mayor Giordano

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Mr. Pennington

**Ordinance:**

**First Reading**

**2024-05 Stormwater Ordinance**

The purpose of the ordinance is to update the Town's stormwater management regulations to be consistent with amended NJDEP stormwater management rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.1 *et seq.* More specifically, the ordinance 1. Provides for the use of updated estimates of the present and future rainfall events used in calculating the amount of anticipated stormwater runoff; 2. Eliminates the use of the "Rational Method" and the "Modified Rational Method" in calculating stormwater runoff; 3. Requires that the projected two-year storm event be used in calculating the amount of stormwater runoff that must be recharged into the groundwater; 4. Provides for greater flexibility for public roadway and railroad projects in meeting the stormwater management rules; and 5. Adds and modifies various definitions.

Mr. Stuber made a motion to approve the introduction of 2024-05 and requested that the second reading be held on July 9, 2024, which was seconded by Mrs. Kelsey.

Ayes: Mrs. Gesumaria, Mr. Stuber, Mrs. Kelsey, Mayor Giordano

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Mr. Pennington

**Bill List**

Mr. Pennington made a motion to approve the bill list, which was seconded by Mrs. Gesumaria.

Ayes: Mr. Pennington, Mrs. Gesumaria, Mr. Stuber, Mrs. Kelsey, Mayor Giordano

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Wiseman, Petersburg Road, asked why it is that the Township Committee can answer questions during a meeting, but the Board of Education is not able to.

Mr. Wiseman asked where the funding for Clean Communities grants comes from.

Mr. Stuber made a motion to adjourn at 7:34, which was seconded by Mrs. Kelsey.

Ayes: Mr. Pennington, Mrs. Gesumaria, Mr. Stuber, Mrs. Kelsey, Mayor Giordano

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None