

**Independence Township Committee  
Regular Meeting  
August 13, 2024  
7:00 pm**

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

**Roll Call: Mr. Stuber, Mrs. Kelsey, Mayor Giordano**

**Mayor Giordano welcomed Assemblywomen Dawn Fantasia and thanked her for attending our meeting.**

**Department Reports:**

**Joe King reported that everything with the road department is going well. This past month they repaired 6 catch basins, performed regular maintenance at the Field of dreams, prepared for fall sports and did the clean up from the storms.**

**Melissa Shurack reported that fall sports will be starting up and that the fields are being prepared. All is going well with the Senior group.**

**Chief Prell went through his monthly report.**

**Ms. Hrebenak stated that tax bills have been mailed and there have been a number of payments that are received. The payments are due by September 5, 2024.**

**Consent Agenda:**

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

**No. 24-50**

**Date of Adoption: August 13, 2024**

**Title: Bingo**

**WHEREAS, Independence Township Fire Department** is registered by the State of New Jersey to operate legalized games of chance, (224-9-21561) and,

**WHEREAS,** they have submitted applications for a Bingo license and all fees have been paid,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, that B2024-01 be issued to Independence Township Fire Department.

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

No. 24-51

Date of Adoption: August 13, 2024

**Title or Subject: Approval of Fire Department Member**

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

**WHEREAS, Cristina VanHouten 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 *Cristina VanHouten* is hereby approved as a member of the Independence Volunteer Fire Department.

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

No. 24-52

Date of Adoption: August 13, 2024

**Title or Subject: Approval of Fire Department Member**

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

**WHEREAS, Matthew Kenna has made application for junior 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 *Matthew Kenna* is hereby approved as a member of the Independence Volunteer Fire Department.

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**

Warren County, New Jersey

No. 24-53

Date of Adoption: August 13, 2024

Title or Subject: Approval of Fire Department Member

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

**WHEREAS, David Elston 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 *David Elston* is hereby approved as a member of the Independence Volunteer Fire Department.**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**

Warren County, New Jersey

No. 24-54

Date of Adoption: August 13, 2024

Title or Subject: Extension of The Grace Period on the Third Quarter Taxes

**WHEREAS, the date of the mailing of the Independence Township tax bills cannot be determined at this time, and**

**WHEREAS, NJSA 54:4-66.3 provides that no interest shall be charged for a minimum of 25 days after tax bills are mailed or otherwise delivered,**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Independence Township Committee as follows:**

**No interest shall be charged on 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter taxes, due August 1, 2024, if payment of said taxes is received by Independence Township on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> day after the date of a mailing as certified by the Tax Collector to the Municipal Clerk and provided further, however, that if any such payment is not received on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> day, interest at the usual rate will be charged from August 1, 2024.**

**Mr. Stuber made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Mrs. Kelsey.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Mr. Pennington, Mrs. Gesumaria**

**Abstain: None**

**Bill List**

**Mrs. Kelsey made a motion to approve the Bill list, which was seconded by Mr. Stuber.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Mr. Pennington, Mrs. Gesumaria**

**Abstain: None**

**Public Comment:**

**Assemblywomen Dawn Fantasia went through the topics that she is currently addressing such as school funding farmland preservation and explained her background to the Township Committee.**

**Ms. Hrebenak requested a motion to approve the placement of the commemorative bench that was requested by the softball group.**

**Mrs. Kelsey made a motion to approve the placement of the bench at the field, which was seconded by Mr. Stuber.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Mr. Pennington, Mrs. Gesumaria**

**Abstain: None**

**Mrs. Kelsey made a motion to adjourn at 7:39 pm, which was seconded by Mr. Stuber.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Mr. Pennington, Mrs. Gesumaria**

**Abstain: None**