

## **INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Workshop Meeting held at the Municipal Building, Great Meadows, NJ,  
May 7, 2019 7:00 PM**

This is a Workshop meeting of the Township Committee of Independence Township, Warren County, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Giordano at 7:00 pm 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 Star Gazette 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 Mayor Giordano.

### **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Mayor Robert Giordano, Bonnie Kelsey, Deputy Mayor Cogle, Mike Pennington, Tim Norton and Deborah Hrebenak.

**Absent:** none

### **Agenda:**

#### **Field of Dreams Food Truck request discussed**

#### **Resolution 19-51**

**Title or Subject: APPOINTMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence the following appointment is hereby made:

Ernest Kinney-Office of Emergency Management Coordinator, at a rate of \$ 2,727.00 per annum. For a three (3) Year Term of office, commencing May 1, 2019 thru May 1, 2022.

#### **Resolution 19-52**

**Title or Subject: APPOINTMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence the following appointment is hereby made:

*Whereas* the Township Committee recognizes the importance and the need for additional staffing in the Township of Independence Office of Emergency Management to assist during times of disasters, that *Thomas Tagliareni* be appointed to the Office of Emergency Management for a three (3) year Term of Office, commencing on May 1, 2019 and terminating on May 1, 2022.

Deputy Mayor Cogle made a motion to approve Resolutions 19-51 and 19-52 as written. Mr. Norton seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Kelsey, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Cogle, Mr. Norton, and Mayor Giordano

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes

#### **Special meeting for May 22, 2019**

**Public Comment:** Mrs. Cullen asked about the pilot program for Woodmont.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:30 pm – 7:50 pm**

The following Resolution was approved at 7:30 p.m. to enter Executive Session with a motion by Mr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Norton and followed by a unanimous roll call.

**WHEREAS: N.J.S. 2:4-12, Open Public Meetings Act**, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters;

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: Litigation

It is anticipated at this time that the above matter will be made public upon completion of the matter discussed.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cogle at 7:50 p.m. to exit the executive session, seconded by Mr. Norton followed by a unanimous roll call.

Mayor Giordano stated that the executive session was to discuss litigation and no action will be taken at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cogle to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Mrs. Kelsey seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Kelsey, Mr. Cogle, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Norton and Mayor Giordano

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Motion carries with five (5) affirmative votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah M. Hrebenak, RMC  
Clerk/Administrator