

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

**Workshop Meeting held at the Municipal Building, Great Meadows, NJ,
February 4, 2020 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 7:04 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, Mrs. Kelsey, Mr. Cogle, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Norton and Deborah Hrebenak.

Absent: none

Consent Agenda:

Resolution 20-22

Title or Subject: Raffle

WHEREAS, Domestic Abuse & Sex Assault Crisis Center of Warren County is registered by the State of New Jersey to operate legalized games of chance, (31-4-29993) and,

WHEREAS, they have submitted an application for a Night At The Races to be held on April 17, 2020 and all fees have been paid,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, that RA# 470 is issued to Domestic Abuse & Sex Assault Crisis Center of Warren County.

A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to adopt Resolutions 20-22 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.

Budget: Mayor Giordano spoke about the budget. The property from Mr. Miller will not be purchased at this time. Budget introduced in March.

Public Comment: Mrs. Cullen asked about the budget and the surprise school budget vote. Mr. Fuella asked for an executive meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:21 pm – 7:46 pm

The following Resolution was approved at 7:21 p.m. to enter Executive Session with a motion by Mr. Cogle, seconded by Mayor Giordano 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:

Personnel

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 Mr. Cogle at 7:46 p.m. to exit the executive session, seconded by Mrs. Kelsey followed by a roll call of all ayes

Mayor Giordano stated that Personnel issues were discussed and no action will be taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Norton to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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