

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Meeting held at the Municipal Building, Great Meadows, NJ.
May 12, 2020 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

This is a regular 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 p.m. 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 NJ Herald 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 via zoom, Mike Pennington, Glenn Cogle via zoom, and Debi Hrebenak. Also present were Attorney Leslie Parikh, Mike Finelli and Lt. Prell via zoom

Absent: Tim Norton

Minute Approval 3.10.20, 4.14.20 and 5.05.20

A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to approve 3.10.20, 4.14.20 and 5.05.20 Minutes as written. Mayor Giordano seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Tax Collector – Report was submitted

Construction/Zoning – Reports were submitted.

Environmental – Everything on hold

Treasurer – Posted

Recreation/Green Acres – no meeting. Walking path open only

Police – Report has been submitted. Community support very appreciated received donation of food and snacks

Emergency Services – Blood drive May 15 at the fire house. Signup online.

DPW – Report was submitted.

Municipal Clerk: Building closed Residents using drop box, email or phone. Building repairs are almost done.

Land Use Board – meeting on May via zoom

Seniors – building closed.

Board of Education – school closed at this time. Special meeting tonight

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

Attorney Parikh: *Report submitted. Updates legislation on the covid-19*

Engineer Finelli: Spoke on the Asbury Road 2020 grant. Notification of the 2021 grants due July 1st. Grants expires in November – letter summary why looking to do it next year.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Freeholder Director Sarnoski presented the police department and emergency services with gift cards donated by Warren County Community College

PUBLIC COMMENT: none (3 phone-in via zoom)

BILLS: A motion was made by Mrs. Kelsey to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Cogle seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Pennington to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Cogle seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah M. Hrebenak, RMC/CMR