

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Meeting held at the Municipal Building, Great Meadows, NJ.
August 11, 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, Mike Pennington via zoom, Glenn Cogle, and Debi Hrebenak. Also present were Attorney Leslie Parikh and Lt. Prell via zoom
Absent: Bonnie Kelsey

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Mayor acknowledged correspondence from of Linda and Mark Krsulic of the Independence First Aid Squad. Linda stated 'I wanted to let you know that after 35+ years of service, Mark and I have taken Full Life Membership from the squad. It was very bittersweet decision considering I have spent half my life volunteering with the squad, but the time has come for the younger members to carry on.'

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 20-54

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH GREAT MEADOWS
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SUPPLY OF FUEL**

WHEREAS, The Great Meadows Regional School District desires to enter into an agreement with the Township of Independence for with purchase of gasoline from the Township at the fuel depot located at 286B Route 46 West, Great Meadows, NJ 07838; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Independence is likewise desirous to enter into such an agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute an Agreement (the form of which is attached hereto) with the Great Meadows Regional School District for the supply of fuel from the Township's fuel depot.

A copy of this Agreement shall be filed for information purposes with the Division of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services pursuant to the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Director.

Resolution 20-55

**RESOLUTION GRANTING SOIL REMOVAL PERMIT TO
PARTAC PEAT CORPORATION
BLOCK 29, LOT 51
BLOCK 33, LOT 2**

WHEREAS, Section 134-3 of the Independence Township Code requires the issuance of a soil removal permit by the Township Committee where soil is removed for sale or for use other than on the premises from which the soil shall be taken; and

WHEREAS, the Partac Peat Corporation has made application for a soil removal permit for Block 29, Lot 51 and Block 33, Lot 2 by application dated July 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the office of the Township Engineer has issued a report in connection with said application dated August 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in the foregoing report, the Township Engineer has noted the requirement for the filing with the Township of a Restoration Bond pursuant to Section 134-6C of the Independence Township Code which is intended to ensure faithful completion of final restoration measures; and

WHEREAS, the facility in question has been in existence for over fifty (50) years and in the past the Township waived the Restoration Bond requirement; and

WHEREAS, the office of the Township Engineer takes no exceptions to the renewal of this application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 11th day of August, 2020 that the application of Partac Peat Corporation for a soil removal permit be and the same is hereby granted effective August 11, 2020 to August 11, 2022 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the requirement to file a Restoration Bond is hereby waived.

A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to approve Resolution 20-54 thru 20-55 as written. Mr. Pennington seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: 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.
Police – Report has been submitted.
Emergency Services – nothing to report
DPW – Report was submitted.
Municipal Clerk: collection of august tax payment and farmland assessments
Land Use Board – No meeting in August.
Seniors – meeting on Thursday at senior center
Board of Education – nothing to report

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

Attorney Parikh: Report submitted.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

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

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Mayor Giordano seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah M. Hrebenak, RMC/CMR