

**INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting held at the Municipal Building, Great Meadows, NJ.**  
**September 14, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

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 7:02 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 Herald Times 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:** Mr. Cogle, Mrs. Gesumaria, Mayor Giordano, Mr. Pennington, Debi Hrebenak, and Mike Finelli

**Absent:** Mrs. Kelsey

**Minute Approval: 7.13.21 and 8.10.2021**

A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to approve minutes 7.13.21 as written. Mrs. Gesumaria seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: None recorded

A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to approve minutes 8.10.21 as written. Mayor Giordano seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Cogle, Mrs. Gesumaria, and Mayor Giordano

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: Mr. Pennington

**Consent Agenda:**

**Resolution 21-55**

**Title or Subject: APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence the following appointments/adjustments are hereby made:

Jacqueline Geisheimer-P/T Court Violation Clerk, at a rate of \$ 16.32 per hour effective October 1, 2021.

Mr. Cogle made a motion to approve Resolutions 21-55 as written. Mrs. Gesumaria seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None recorded

Abstain: none recorded

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Tax Collector – Report submitted via email.

Construction/Zoning – Reports submitted via email.

Environmental – No meeting in August. Fall cleanup October 9

Treasurer – Reports submitted.

Recreation/Green Acres – Field hockey started. Opening Concession stand on Sunday

Police – Report submitted via email.

Emergency Services – First Aid Deputy Chief spoke about calls for August. CPR training class on September 26. Open to the public. Fire Department breakfast October 10  
DPW – Report submitted via email.  
Municipal Clerk: No workshop in October. League meeting in November.  
Land Use Board – No meeting in August

**PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:**

Engineer Finelli: Mr. Finelli spoke on Woodmont construction. Asbury Road Section 2 – starting at the end of the month.

Mayor Giordano presented Mr. George Ulmer with a clock for over 25 years of service on the committees for the Township of Independence.

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Ulmer spoke about speeding on Petersburg Road and Water Street.

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

Ayes: Mr. Cogle, Mr. Pennington, Mrs. Gesumaria and Mayor Giordano  
Nays: None recorded  
Abstain: None recorded

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mr. Cogle to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Mayor Giordano seconded the motion with roll call as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Cogle, Mr. Pennington, Mrs. Gesumaria, and Mayor Giordano  
Nays: None recorded  
Abstain: None recorded

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah M. Hrebenak, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk