



**TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**Special Called Meeting**  
**August 19, 2025**  
**6:30pm**  
**Independence Volunteer Fire Department**  
**329 Davis Street**  
**Independence, VA 24348**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Mark Miller, Vice Mayor Joan Collins, Jason Cassell, Buddy Halsey, Kit Marshall, Aaron Davis, and Lance Hart.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None.

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT:** None.

**CITIZENS & GUESTS:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Mark Miller called the special called meeting to order this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025 and declared a quorum present. Mayor Miller stated that the meeting was called to discuss personnel and contract negotiation. Mayor Miller asked for a motion to go into closed session.

**COUNCILMAN JASON CASSELL made a motion for Council to go into closed session citing VAFOIA Section 2.2-3711, to discuss personnel and contract negotiation asking the Town Attorney to stay if he becomes available. COUNCILWOMAN KIT MARSHALL seconded; motion carried with all ayes.**

**Councilman Jason Cassell made a motion for Council to go into open session citing VAFOIA Section 2.2-3712 that only matters in closed session were convened for and permitted under was discussed. Mayor Miller asked for a roll call vote:**

**Jason Cassell-I So Certify**  
**Lance Hart -I So Certify**  
**Joan Collins-I So Certify**

**Buddy Halsey-I So Certify**  
**Kit Marshall-I So Certify**  
**Aaron Davis-I So Certify**

With no action taken Mayor Miller closed the special meeting.