

Regular Meeting
7:00 PM

October 26, 2010

In Attendance:

President of Council	Al Gabriel	Council Member	Jeff Silver
Council Member	John Bendel	Council Member	Brian Taboada
Council Member	Greg Heizler	Mayor	James Biggs
Council Member	Joe Rogalski	Borough Attorney	William Hiering, Jr.

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights was called to order following the caucus session held at the Island Heights Municipal Building, Wanamaker Complex, Island Heights, New Jersey.

Mayor Biggs read the notice of the meeting in accordance with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT P.L. 1975 Chapter 231 (Section 10:4-10). Notice of the Meeting dates were faxed to the Asbury Park Press on December 11, 2009, notice is also posted on the bulletin board and in the municipal building.

Pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

President of Council	Al Gabriel	Council Member	Jeff Silver
Council Member	John Bendel	Council Member	Brian Taboada
Council Member	Greg Heizler	Mayor	James Biggs
Council Member	Joe Rogalski	Borough Attorney	William Hiering, Jr.

Motion by Mr. Taboada second Mr. Bendel to approve the following: Birdsall Service Group re: Recommendation of Award FY 2010 NJDOT Municipal Aid-Improvement to Summit Avenue to: Johnson Baran Corp. Base Bid Total \$141, 685.24 + Alternate A-1 in the amount of \$3,200.00; Total \$144, 885.25.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Gabriel	Yes	Mr. Rogalski	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mr. Silver	Yes
Mr. Heizler	Yes	Mr. Taboada	Yes
		Mayor Biggs	Yes

Motion by Mr. Taboada second Mr. Bendel to approve payment of obligations chargeable to the 2009 and 2010 operating budgets as presented:

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Gabriel	Yes	Mr. Rogalski	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mr. Silver	Yes
Mr. Heizler	Yes	Mr. Taboada	Yes
		Mayor Biggs	Yes

The following items will be acted on as a consent agenda:

Motion by Mr. Taboada second Mr. Silver to approve the following purchase order requests:

Requesting Dept: Public Works/ Recycling
 Vendor: Ransome Rental, CO., LP
 Item/Service: 1 Caterpillar Backhoe Rental 9/9/10 – 10/06/10; 10/07/10 – 11/03/10 @2,000.00 per month
Total: \$4,000.00

Requesting Dept: Public Works
 Vendor: ERS Fleet Service
 Item/Service: Roll off Repairs
Total \$2,197.37

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Gabriel	Yes	Mr. Rogalski	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mr. Silver	Yes
Mr. Heizler	Yes	Mr. Taboada	Yes
		Mayor Biggs	Yes

Motion by Mr. Taboada second Mr. Silver to adopt Resolution 2010 – 82 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE FY 2011-2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FY2011-2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Gabriel	Yes	Mr. Rogalski	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mr. Silver	Yes
Mr. Heizler	Yes	Mr. Taboada	Yes
		Mayor Biggs	Yes

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor's Water Emergency Proclamation lifted as of this date.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Gabriel	Yes	Mr. Rogalski	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mr. Silver	Yes
Mr. Heizler	Yes	Mr. Taboada	Yes
		Mayor Biggs	Yes

Bid for Back Hoe held for executive session.

Motion by Mr. Gabriel second Mr. Silver to award contract for emergency repair for the Summit Avenue groin to Albert Marine Construction to remove and replace 40 linear feet of breakwater vinyl lump sum price \$25,300.00 subject to clarification of linear feet prior to final bill approval.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Gabriel	Yes	Mr. Rogalski	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mr. Silver	Yes
Mr. Heizler	Yes	Mr. Taboada	Yes*
		Mayor Biggs	Yes

*based of linear feet

Motion by Mr. Gabriel second Mr. Rogalski to award contract for controlled substances and alcohol abuse for DOT/CDL compliance to Dafeldecker Associates.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Gabriel	Yes	Mr. Rogalski	Abstain
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mr. Silver	Yes
Mr. Heizler	Yes	Mr. Taboada	Yes
		Mayor Biggs	Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Gabriel reported that the conditions surrounding the Police / EOC building, as a result of the recent major rainfall, are discouraging.

Mr. Bendel read the following report submitted by Betsy Hyle, who is involved in both the Friends of the Library and Senior Advisory Committee: The Trustees/Friends of the Library would like to thank everyone who participated in last week's garden statuary dedication to honor Roberta Ellis, who served as our librarian for 20 years and played a prominent role in establishing the branch as the Island Heights Grade School Library. To celebrate her love for children and books, a little girl reading on a bench is now a permanent part of the front garden at the library. Some 45 people were in attendance including her daughter, Barbara Parks and son, Robert Ellis. Roberta lived in Island Heights for 62 years before her death in 2008. While so many helped to organize the event and contributed monies to support it...a special thanks to Trustee Beth Smutz, who put together a wonderful flyer and who spent hours getting the lawn and garden ready for the ceremony. Also special thanks to local mason Bob Simcsuk, who led us to the beautiful bench and then helped construct it in the garden. It was also great to see the entire 6th grade along with Mrs. Major. Please stop by the library sometime to visit the garden (the little girl and a special plaque will be permanently secured later this week)...and also pick up a Friends of the Library membership form inside...just another way to support Roberta's legacy of our school library and provide for the terrific programs that are offered to our community. The next Book Club reading is underway. You can pick up "The Reader" at the library. Book Club discussion is Tuesday, December 1 at 11:00 AM at the Island Heights Library. Watch for the special series of programs at the Library: Talk of the Town features local residents sharing their talents and knowledge. It's a great way to meet your neighbors. The series kicks off with Jill Gallina on Monday, December 6 at 7:00 PM. Jill will share her passion for and expertise in Christmas pins. The library will also be offering a special Open House with light refreshments on House Tour day, Saturday, December 4th. Also featured will be the annual homemade candy sale and the ever popular book sale! The Senior Advisory Committee reports that last week's get-together was terrific....packed with great information especially on the changes in Medicare for 2011. There will be some extra Medicare information packets at borough hall if anyone would like to pick one up. The next get-together is Wednesday, November 17 starting at 9:30 at borough hall. Go to our website or the post office window for specifics, but there will be presentations on Keeping Your Brain Healthy, Fighting Domestic Violence, special holiday gift wrapping and the History of Boating on the Barnegat Bay. A lunch of soup and sandwich will be served. Everyone attending is asked to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item for our Thanksgiving basket that is being donated to a family in

need. Reminders: The winter coat drive is underway for gently used and clean coats. Drop off points are borough hall and the front entrance to the Island Heights Grade School. Please think about it as you are cleaning out closets and getting clothes ready for winter. We are also still collecting for our troops in the Middle East. That bin is also at borough hall. If you are unsure what to donate, check out the flyer on the website www.islandheightsborough.com or <http://www.islandheightsborough.com>.

Mr. Heizler was absent.

Mr. Rogalski had no report.

Mr. Silver reminded residents to vote November 2nd. Do you know the warning signs of fraud? Sounds too good to be true. Requires an upfront investment even for a "free" prize. Pressures you to act "right away". Never click on a link inside an e-mail to visit a website (this is called phishing). Type the address into your browser instead. Be cautious of work at home jobs. Shred confidential documents instead of just throwing them in the trash. The Federal Trade Commission works to prevent fraud and provide information to avoid it and stop it. You can visit ftc.gov to learn more or call 1-877-FTC-HELP for more information. Council Member Brian Taboada reported that the Island Heights Board of Education is pleased to announce 11 Students were recognized for achieving perfect scores in mathematics on last year's NJASK test. For more information please see the schools website (it should be posted shortly). Our 3rd grade teacher, Lori Romano, has been awarded the 10th legislative district excellence in education award teacher for Monmouth and Ocean County. She will be recognized by the Freeholders on October 27th. The Rotary Club of Toms River donated to the grade school a mounted American and New Jersey state flag to be used at assemblies and other stage events. They also contributed a holster for the flags which will be used by the grade school marching band. Come out and see the marching band as they carry these new flags in the Halloween parade Saturday Oct 30th in downtown Toms River. A request for proposal (RFP) was prepared for the hydraulic subsurface investigation of the police department building. This RFP is available from the borough clerk or Council Member Brian Taboada should you have interest in bidding on this work. Proposals are due by Friday, November 5th at noon. The recreation committee is pleased to announce the Wes Wilber Playground at the Wanamaker Complex is moving forward, and a vendor has been chosen to provide equipment and surfacing. This playground is to be fully funded through donations with the major contributor being the Island Heights Friends of Recreation and is at no expense to the borough. If you would like to help with this great community project or would like more information on it, please contact Rob Harrington through the borough clerk.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Extended to the following:

Peggy Bendel refreshing the street signs.

Motion by Mr. Gabriel second Mr. Rogalski adopt Resolution 2010 – 81 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. The purpose of the session will be the following, formal action may result.

1) pending litigation, 2) personnel, 3) contracts

Meeting reconvened the following action is the result of the executive session:

Motion by Mr. Bendel second Mr. Rogalski to reject the bids for one 2010 or equal backhoe and authorize the re-advertisement to include the trade in of the borough's case 580k, 1989 extend a hoe 4 x 4 with a 4 – 1 bucket backhoe.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Gabriel	Yes	Mr. Rogalski	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mr. Silver	Yes
Mr. Heizler	Yes	Mr. Taboada	Yes
		Mayor Biggs	Yes

Motion by Mr. Gabriel second Mr. Silver to authorize the Clerk to arrange the pre-employment drug tests in order to comply and rectify the error of not completing the pre-employment testing as per New Jersey Department of transportation – CDL regulations

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Gabriel	Yes	Mr. Rogalski	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mr. Silver	Yes
Mr. Heizler	Yes	Mr. Taboada	Yes
		Mayor Biggs	Yes

Motion by Mr. Gabriel second Mr. Rogalski to approve the time clock policy that requires all employees who are required to utilize the time clock(s) much punch in when arriving to work and punch out when leaving work. There are to be no exceptions. In case(s) of emergency, the employee is to follow the same procedure. Failure to comply will result in the employee being docked for that day.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Gabriel	Yes	Mr. Rogalski	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mr. Silver	Yes
Mr. Heizler	Yes	Mr. Taboada	Yes
		Mayor Biggs	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Gabriel second Mr. Taboada to participate in the program offered by Gametime 50% grant for playground equipment for the Wes Wilber Play Area and appropriate the funds donated by Friends of Recreation in the amount of \$18,000.00. The project will be fully funded by donations.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Gabriel	Yes	Mr. Rogalski	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mr. Silver	Yes
Mr. Heizler	Yes	Mr. Taboada	Yes
		Mayor Biggs	Yes

Motion by Mr. Rogalski second Mr. Silver to accept with regrets the resignation of Ptl. Thomas Morris effective October 19, 2010.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Gabriel	Yes	Mr. Rogalski	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mr. Silver	Yes

Mr. Heizler

Yes

Mr. Taboada
Mayor Biggs

Yes
Yes

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Gabriel second Mr. Rogalski, unanimous voice vote.


Respectfully submitted, Ellie Rogalski, RMC/CMC