

Regular Meeting  
Minutes

May 13, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights was called to order the meeting was 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 appeared in the Asbury Park Press on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013, notice is also posted on the bulletin board and in the municipal building.

Pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. Roll

Call:

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| Council President | Jeff Silver    | Council Member   | Kieran Pillion, Jr. |
| Council Member    | Sean Asay      | Council Member   | Sandra Snow         |
| Council Member    | John Bendel    | Mayor            | James Biggs         |
| Council Member    | Steve Berglund | Borough Attorney | T. Gannon, Esq.     |

Second reading and adoption Ordinance 2014-04 entitled, AN BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2010-05 ADOPTED ON APRIL 27, 2010 AND FURTHER AMENDED ON AUGUST 14, 2012, PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE REPLACEMENT FOR EXISTING WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN ORDER TO AMEND THE ITEMS OF EXPENSE PERMITTED UNDER N.J.S.A.40A2-10.

Motion by Mr. Silver second Mr. Asay.

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| Mr. Silver   | Yes | Mr. Pillion | Yes |
| Mr. Asay     | Yes | Ms. Snow    | Yes |
| Mr. Bendel   | Yes | Mayor Biggs | Yes |
| Mr. Berglund | Yes |             |     |

Public Hearing Ordinance 2014 - 04.

Motion to open the Public Hearing by Mr. Silver second Mr. Bendel. Unanimous voice vote.

Motion to close the Public Hearing by Mr. Silver second Mr. Bendel. Unanimous voice vote.

Adopt Resolution 2014 - 44 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, ADOPTING THE 2014 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR OCEAN COUNTY.

Motion by Mr. Silver second Mr. Berglund.

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| Mr. Silver   | Yes | Mr. Pillion | Yes |
| Mr. Asay     | Yes | Ms. Snow    | Yes |
| Mr. Bendel   | Yes | Mayor Biggs | Yes |
| Mr. Berglund | Yes |             |     |

Adopt Resolution 2014 - 46 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION ENTITLED BIRDSALL SERVICES GROUP, INC. v. BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, DOCKET NO. OCN-L545-13.

Motion by Mr. Silver second Mr. Asay.

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| Mr. Silver   | Yes | Mr. Pillion | Yes |
| Mr. Asay     | Yes | Ms. Snow    | Yes |
| Mr. Bendel   | Yes | Mayor Biggs | Yes |
| Mr. Berglund | Yes |             |     |

Approve obligations chargeable to the 2013 operating budget and 2014 operating budget as presented.

Motion by Mr. Bendel second Mr. Silver.

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| Mr. Silver   | Yes | Mr. Pillion | Yes |
| Mr. Asay     | Yes | Ms. Snow    | Yes |
| Mr. Bendel   | Yes | Mayor Biggs | Yes |
| Mr. Berglund | Yes |             |     |

The following will be acted on as a consent agenda.

Approve the following purchase order request(s):

Requesting Dept.: Police  
Vendor: Blue Line Emergency Lighting, Inc  
Item/Service: Emergency Lighting for New Vehicle  
Total: \$5,644.60

Requesting Dept.: Police  
Vendor: Blue Line Emergency Lighting, Inc.  
Item/Service: Single Prisoner Partition SUV installed  
Total: \$1,191.20

Motion by Mr. Asay second Mr. Bendel.

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| Mr. Silver   | Yes | Mr. Pillion | Yes |
| Mr. Asay     | Yes | Ms. Snow    | Yes |
| Mr. Bendel   | Yes | Mayor Biggs | Yes |
| Mr. Berglund | Yes |             |     |

The following will be acted on as a consent agenda.

Approve the following Raffle Licenses:

Applicant: Island Heights Vol. Fire Co. #1 # R2014-02  
DOE: Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Applicant: Island Heights Cultural & Heritage Association # R2014-03  
DOE: Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Motion by Mr. Silver second Mr. Asay.

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|--------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| Mr. Silver   | Yes | Mr. Pillion | Yes |
| Mr. Asay     | Yes | Ms. Snow    | Yes |
| Mr. Bendel   | Yes | Mayor Biggs | Yes |
| Mr. Berglund | Yes |             |     |

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion was held regarding the drainage issue at the elementary school playground. There is a possibility of obtaining free fill from the County which could be used for the playground and the Camp Meeting project. There were questions regarding the quality of the fill, whether the work at the school would be on school property or Borough property, how it would affect the "Safe Routes to Schools" project and to have persons from the school involved in the drainage project.

Mayor Biggs appointed Mr. Berglund, Ms. Snow and Mr. Pillion to research the drainage issue at the elementary school.

Mayor Biggs accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Susan Horn from the Recreation Committee effective May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. He thanked Ms. Horn for her service. He also stated that a replacement would be named shortly.

An update was given regarding the Borough's FEMA applications.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Mr. Silver second Mr. Asay to open the Lighting Ordinance for public discussion. Unanimous voice vote.

A discussion was held regarding the Lighting Ordinance. Questions were asked regarding how the problem was started, what were the commercial applications of the ordinance, how it would be enforced and if emergency facilities would be exempt. The ordinance will be held over to the next meeting of Council.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Berglund: DEP emergency classification for Camp Meeting Bluff east end stabilization has been granted and permits were issued yesterday. Borough Engineer O'Donnell is taking care of the permits from the Corps of Engineers and CAFRA.

Mr. Asay: With regard to the application for use of the field for a wedding, we are looking into amending the ordinance for the rental of the pavilion to cover this. Looking into how to charge for the rental of the facility. Also thinking of asking for a refundable deposit to ensure trash removal from the area at the conclusion of the event. Fire Company's Ladies Auxiliary is looking for new members.

Mr. Bendel: None

Mr. Silver: Talking with the CFO regarding an open item on the DOT project for Summit Ave. that fell underneath. Asked Mr. O'Donnell to close-out the Summit Ave. project. Also know that we agreed on a fixed asset inventory. Is that going to occur? Need summer help for Public Works for the SWALE project. Would like to hire two (2) people.

Ms. Snow: Made school aware of the "Safe Routes to Schools" project and am in contact with school officials and parents regarding this project.

Mr. Pillion: None

Mayor Biggs: Inquired about the membership in the Fire Company. Stated that the Borough needs to strengthen the membership of the Borough's first responders. Would like them to solicit for members through the Borough's newsletter.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Doug Platt: Do we have a date for the new Water Treatment Plant to come online?

Dr. Harris: What about rebuilding the groin to help replenish and make a second beach?

Karen Frankovich: The police need to get out of their vehicles to encourage the parents to move when dropping off their children at school. The parents that wait are causing traffic problems. Can Mr. Berglund make it to the Island Heights School Board Meeting to explain the issues from an Engineering standpoint?

Beth Smutz: Unless there is enforcement by the police to get the parents moving, there is no incentive for them to move.

Brian Gabriel: Is the Borough doing anything about property maintenance issues? Why is the Summit Avenue gazebo out of the FEMA claim?

Donald Kunz: Are new trees included in the Camp Walk Bluff project?

Paul Smutz: I'm a member of the Recreation Committee. The resignation of Susan is a loss. The committee is lacking in membership, especially in leadership positions. Would like to solicit for new members through the newsletter.

Adopt Resolution 2014 - 45, entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. There being no items for executive session therefore this resolution was not acted on.

Authorizing the hiring of two (2) seasonal employees for the Public Works Department @ \$12.00 p/h.

Motion by Mr. Berglund second Mr. Silver.

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| Mr. Silver   | Yes | Mr. Pillion | Yes |
| Mr. Asay     | Yes | Ms. Snow    | Yes |
| Mr. Bendel   | Yes | Mayor Biggs | Yes |
| Mr. Berglund | Yes |             |     |

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Silver. Unanimous voice vote.

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Respectfully submitted, Ellie Rogalski, RMC/MMC