

Regular Meeting
Minutes

June 24, 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 19th, 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:

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	Wm. Hierung, Jr. Esq.

*Absent

First reading and introduction Ordinance 2014 – 05 entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS PURSUANT TO C. 52:14-15f *et seq.*

Motion by Mr. Silver second Ms. Snow.

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

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

Motion by Mr. Silver second Mr. Asay.

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

The following will be acted on as a consent agenda.

Approve the following for the Rotary Club of Toms River Sailfest, Sept. 6, 2014.

1. Special Events Application
2. Social Affair Permit (ABC)
3. Raffle Lic. #2014 – 04
4. Raffle Lic. #2014 – 05
5. Road Closing Permit
6. Closing of Central Ave. Dock

Motion by Mr. Silver second Mr. Berglund.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Asay: Received a copy of a letter from the Ocean County Planning Board regarding the Ocean County Waste Water Management Plan. The letter says that our system is in good shape and requests that we review the information provided and inform them of any corrections. The letter says that we have no pump or lift stations for waste water, which the Borough does have.

Mayor Biggs: Mr. Silver and Mr. Asay, please review the letter and draft a response to the Ocean County Planning Board with the corrections.

Mr. Silver: There was a failure in two of the two-pump system and we had to call out Toms River MUA to pump out the holding tank every eight (8) hours. We are getting a temporary pump delivered tomorrow, which will work for fifteen (15) to thirty (30) days while the pump is being repaired. We cannot use a pump from one of our other stations as the pumps are different in each station.

Ms. Snow: We did approve a grant to do sidewalk cuts and new sidewalks on Simpson Ave. There is a house in the area where the work is being done that has new landscaping that goes to the curb which includes railroad ties, fresh stone and slate pavers. The Borough needs to inform the homeowner that a sidewalk is being installed there.

Mayor Biggs: Work is being done on Summit Ave. Public Works and the County need to be notified as the house at the easterly end of Summit is being demolished and the lot is being sub-divided so two (2) houses can be built on the property. I would also like to extend the Borough's deepest sympathies to Mr. Anderson on the death of his father.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Silver: I would like to ask Mr. Palazzo to update the Governing Body regarding the Fixed Asset Inventory.

Mr. Palazzo: As per State statute, the Borough has to have an inventory of items that have a useable life of at least five (5) years or at least \$5,000.00 in value. As we add or get rid of items, we can update the inventory. There is a copy in the Excel format which I will see if it is compatible with the Edmunds system.

Mr. Asay: The review of the ordinances regarding applications for use of Borough facilities will take a few months to complete. The Borough Clerk will provide me with an updated Code Book to aid in the process. I recommend that we approve Dustin Gabriel's application for use of the field for the wedding, as weddings take time to plan, and see how that event goes. It may affect the revision process.

Approve the application of Dustin Gabriel for the use of the field for a wedding ceremony on May 16, 2014 providing he provides the Borough with a certificate of insurance.

Motion by Mr. Asay second Ms. Snow.

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

Mr. Pillion: I wanted to ask Len what will the parking be for Sailfest now that the Fire Company's parking lot is being leased to a car dealer for their overflow inventory?

Mr. Adams: I was just informed about this last week. We have to make a decision soon as we don't want people parking all over town.

Approve the use of the Municipal Complex for parking for Sailfest.

Motion by Mr. Silver second Mr. Asay.

Mr. Silver	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Asay	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Absent	Mayor Biggs	Yes

Mr. Berglund Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Snow: Attended the June 11th School Board meeting at the Grade School to obtain a copy of the School's resolution approving the Safe Routes to Schools grant. Have not heard any commentary at the School Board meeting regarding Seaside Park's contribution to the Central Regional School District.

Mr. Pillion: The beach is open as of Sunday.

Mr. Berglund: The first application for the Safe Routes to Schools grant has been submitted. The second will be submitted by the end of the month. We are waiting on the stone to be delivered for the gabions.

Mr. Asay: The monthly report for May from the Police Dept. is up on the Borough's website. There was a good job done by the Island Hts. Police Dept. and all of the other departments that assisted in the handling of the May 18th Domestic Violence incident. Officer Geoghegan was seriously injured in an off-duty traffic accident. He is in Jersey Shore Medical Center and is expected to have a lengthy recovery.

Mr. Silver: Wanted to ask about the status of the gabions that were delivered as part of the Bio-Swale project.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Ms. Hyle: Thank you for the Festival. It was amazing. About 3,500 to 3,600 people attended. Maybe we could ask the Salvation Army on Route 37 about utilizing their parking lot.

Mr. Adams: Summer Brew is Saturday. There are tickets available. No notification was given to the residents of Summit Ave. regarding the work being done by either the County or the contractor. The illuminated signs on Summit Ave. state that the work will begin on or about June 26.

Adopt Resolution 2014 - 50, entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. – Contractual – Action may be taken.

Motion by Mr. Silver second Mr. Berglund.

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

MEETING RECONVENED:

A motion was made by Mr. Silver second by Mr. Berglund to Open Regular Session. Unanimous voice vote.

No action is being taken as a result of Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Silver second by Mr. Pillion to adjourn this meeting. Unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted
Ellie Rogalski, RMC/MMC