

**BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2016, 7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights is hereby called to order. Notice of this meeting is in accordance with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT P.L. 1975 Chapter 231 (Section 10:4-10). Notice of the Meeting was sent to the Asbury Park Press on February 17, 2016, published on February 19, 2016 and is posted on the bulletin board, and in the municipal building.

Pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Council President Asay	Councilmember Snow
Councilmember Bendel	Councilmember Thompson
Councilmember Berglund	Mayor Silver
Councilmember Pillion	Attorney O’Connell

	Asay	Bendel	Berglund	Pillion	Snow	Thompson	Mayor Silver	Atty O’Connell
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent								

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Resolution 2016-65 Approving the Minutes of February 23, 2016 Council Meeting  
Public Comment  
Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
		Berglund	x			
		Pillion			x	
		Snow			x	
	x	Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

**2. RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 2016-66 Accepting the resignation of Paul Smutz from the Recreation Committee  
Public Comment  
Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
	x	Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2016-67 Accepting Matthew Crane for membership on the Environmental Committee and Green Team.

Public Comment: The motion on this resolution is to table

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
	x	Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2016-68 Requesting that Grandfathering provisions be included in National Flood Insurance Laws to Protect Homeowners Whose Homes Are Built To Elevations Acceptable At the Time of Construction or Reconstruction

Public Comment  
Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
		Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
	x	Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2016-69 Approving the 2016 Safety Contract with Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Public Comment:

The Council requested this Resolution be tabled to ensure the inclusion of comments from the Coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management.

The following is a Roll Call to Table Resolution 2016-69

Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
		Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
	x	Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2016-69 was Tabled.

Resolution 2016-70 Re-appointing Oscar Cradle as the Recycling Coordinator of Island Heights

Public Comment

Councilwoman Thompson asked if there was anyone qualified to handle this position

who was also a resident of Island Heights.

Mayor Silver informed Councilwoman Thompson that Oscar Cradle, who is also the Mayor of South Toms River, has been handling this position for years, is qualified, and no one in Island Heights is certified for this position.

Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
	x	Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2016-71 Approving Contract Modification No.14-Final for Water Treatment Plant Replacement

Public Comment

Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	x	Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
x		Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2016-72 Approving Marine Science Camp to hold their camp at Summit Ave Beach August 1-5, 2016, between the hours of Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Public Comment

Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
		Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
	x	Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2016-73 Approving the purchase of a 2016 Ford Expedition under New Jersey State Contract # A88728 in the amount of \$35,127.30

Public Comment

Brian Gabriel requested that the Borough look into a pickup truck, or another vehicle that is less costly.

The following is a Roll Call to Table Resolution 2016-73

Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Asay	x			
	x	Bendel	x			
		Berglund	x			
x		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

The Resolution 2016-73 was tabled.

Resolution 2016-74 Providing for Amendments to Temporary Appropriations Approved Prior to the Final Adoption of the 2016 Municipal Budget

Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
	x	Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2016-75 Approval of Bill List

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
		Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
	x	Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2016-78 Appointing Kurt Schweghauser and Matt Crane to the Green Team and Environmental Committee, and confirming the appointing of Betty Wood to the same.

Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
	x	Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2016-79 Approving an Application for Use of Pavilion and the Contiguous Property

Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
	x	Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2016-80 Approving the Open Door Pregnancy Center, “Walk For Life” Special Event on June 4, 2016.

Public Comment  
Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
		Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
	x	Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2016-81 Approving Policies and Procedures for Managing Federal Aid Projects  
Public Comment

Councilman Berglund grant application to provide sidewalks within 750 ft of school, basically on River, continuation along Summit, missing link next to the Stringband used to be. That goes to the next street all along the school. Island Heights was the only one awarded this in Ocean County; we found out that it was federal money, and now we jump through hoops. We are at the point where we need the approval of council to submit the application and go forward with discussions with the NJDOT.

Councilwoman Thompson asked if she can we get a confirmation that the Borough is able can enact these procedures and nothing in our system where we are deficient in staffing?

Mayor Silver stated yes, and that these are the federal hoops the Borough has to jump through.

Councilwoman Thompson stated that with this agreement, we are agreeing to a management system, and that we are able to jump through these hoops.

Chris Theodos stated this policy and procedures manual sets the criteria for the Borough to manage federal grants; not only for the Safe Routes To School, but all future grants. These are general policies that the Borough has to complete for eligibility. The Borough has also designated a firm, approved by the NJDOT, to provide design services free of charge.

Councilman Asay stated there is a lot of interaction with the Supervisor of Public Works, asking him to manage projects under these grants, and that sounds out of the scope of

public works.

Councilman Berglund stated this goes back to the original wording on the application, and it is a requirement that this person be a full-time employee of the Borough to be the responsible person. With the intent of using Council Members who have experience in those fields, to work alongside the Assistant Superintendent in the field, we will meet those requirements; and yes, there are a lot of things. Additional wording states that additional people that the Superintendent can call on. The Municipal Clerk has multiple titles and training that will support areas, however he is not a full-time employee.

Councilman Asay asked that if this was Toms River, it could be the engineer?

Councilman Berglund stated that it could.

Roll Call

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x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
	x	Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

**4. PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS:**

Resolution 2016-76 Approving the Following Purchase Order

Vendor: Yetman Building Contractors LLC

Item: Paving expense for Sassafras Lane

Amount: \$2,230.00

Councilman Bendel asked if the Borough was getting a good deal on this?

Fire Chief, Andy Parks, stated that most towns have bonding that is associated with road opening permits, so that the Borough would not have to pay for it.

Mayor Silver stated that there was damage done that was as a result of Public Works' involvement.

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x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
	x	Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2016-77 Approving the Following Purchase Order

Vendor: Reiner Pump Systems

Item: Long Point Pump Station

Amount: \$15,670.00

The Municipal Clerk reminded the Council that this was an emergency purchase.

Mayor Silver stated that the pumps are currently being handled manually by himself and Councilman Berglund

The panels were damaged by sandy when water came up on the end of Ocean Avenue. We made repairs but corrosion is persistent and the panel is not sound. I and Councilman Berglund has been handling the pumps manually, every twelve hours, in addition to Public Works during the week. This was to be paid for by FEMA money, however they have not recognized the damage or fund the rehab of it. The control panels are sewage grinder pumps which pump up to gravity systems, to the main, to send it to Ocean County Municipal Utilities Authority station for processing. The Control panel has to be raised up 6 to 9 feet above base flood elevation. This is one of several failing pump stations that are in need of improvements, along with our failing infrastructure. We are repairing two pumps.

In response to Councilman Pillion’s question as to how much the Borough is saving by Public Works handling the repairs, Mayor Silver stated that when one pump was repaired in the past by a private vendor, the cost exceed \$50,000.00.

Councilwoman Thompson asked if these are new pumps, and what the height will be of the pump station? She further addressed any possible eyesores with the installation of the pump station, and asked if they can be screened with evergreens.

Mayor stated the pump station is new and will be at a minimum of six feet; pretty much what is currently there but raised up.

Councilwoman Snow stated the control panel may have to have access points.

Mayor Silver confirmed that you must keep an access to the panel, so vegetation must not encroach and would hamper the service. However, some greens can be placed around it. The conduit currently in the area has been there for about thirty years and is rotting away. By himself and councilman Berglund handling the pump station manually, the Borough is saving money on overtime.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
	x	Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

**5. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**COUNCILWOMAN THOMPSON** reported that the Planning Board reorganized. She further provided the Tax Collector report of \$1.3 million in collections for the period ending February 29, 2016.

**COUNCILWOMAN SNOW:** The School Board referendum passed, and will move ahead with improvements to the school. The Superintendent thanked the Council for their insight and input on the

progress. Councilwoman thanks Councilwoman Thompson and Councilman Berglund. The next phase is the design, followed by the Bid process. There was a good open-mind communication with the school, with a lot of input from the Council and public. People were well informed to make this decision. The next recycling coordinators meeting is coming up and requested that the Council allow her to attend this meeting. Sunday March 20 will be the Easter Egg hunt and the Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers to fill the eggs.

Councilman Asay stated there were previously recycling cans at the pavilion and the County would dump the igloos.

The Mayor stated that once the trash can was filled, the igloos would be used as trash cans. Councilwoman Snow stated she would check on the use of igloos.

### **COUNCILMAN PILLION**

Lt. Arnold was asked to provide an update on crimes within the Borough. He stated that those involved in criminal behavior were not 100% out of town, and that there are some targets in town. There are a couple of indictable which can not be disclosed at that time. There are basic small town crimes, some domestics, burglaries, and that people have to get used to locking their doors.

Councilman Pillion asked how the police approach domestic violence. Lt. Arnold stated that both officers would respond, if two officers are on duty, and they are followed up with backup. If one is on duty, backup from the county would be called at the request of the responding officer. In response to filing reports, the time it takes depends on the nature of the crime and the amount of reports needed to be filed. There are no administrative secretaries to file the reports; the responding officer handles the reports from start to finish. The highest mileage car is about 198,000 miles.

Councilman Pillion asked if Mr. Doug Platt wants to present anything to the Council on behalf of the Fire Company. Mr. Platt stated they would like to continue working with the council and are not ready to present anything to the public yet. He further stated that the 966 program requests are due in April, and is based on the funding profits of the power plant.

Andy Parks stated that there was only one call over the last two months, and it was for out of town.

Doug Platt stated there was a pump replacement on one of the fire trucks due to internal damage. The fire company will be presenting council with a budget to support the organization and address their financial needs. It comes down to an all volunteer department, self-funded for 121 years; things are more expensive, the current cost of fire engines are \$600,000 to \$700,000 thousand; full set of turnout gear is about \$3,000.00 per person. He further stated that in response to a Fire District in comparison to Toms River, there are administrative cost related to the elections and the Fire District. Many of the surrounding towns pay for the equipment for the fire departments, with fundraising in support. Creating a fire district will only add to the administrative costs.

Councilman Pillion stated that there are currently 9 fire districts in Toms River that are looking to consolidate to save on overall administrative costs.

**COUNCILMAN BENDEL** stated that Maria Sessa of JCP&L provided a report to him . There are 2 power districts. In 2014, there were three townwide outages, and several smaller ones that were only about two to three houses. There were a number of reasons, and stated that about a quarter of them were due to equipment failure, some due to animals, and others were out of their control. He stated that Maria Sessa is doing an excellent job. The Planning Board had a reorganization meeting but missing a Chairman. Garrett Joest declined to serve as Chairman.

Doug Platt stated that the main feed would shut down after trying to reset three times, during these



outages.

**COUNCILMAN BERGLUND** The Island Heights Cultural Association has stepped up and turned over \$575 to start using to build the fences and keep critters out. We are hoping to plant in April.

Mayor Silver stated that Ocean County Solid Waste sent a response stating receipt of the blacktop soil to assist the garden and walking paths, and they are happy to oblige.

Councilman Berglund stated to a resident that the Community Garden fence will be a mesh, galvanized fence about three feet high.

**COUNCILMAN ASAY** asked Chris Theodos if the Tax Maps have been updated, and Mr. Theodos stated that they made all of the revisions requested by the Tax Assessor and submitted them to the County Board of Taxation for approval. Councilman Asay stated there were aspects in need of correction and hopes that message was delivered by the Tax Assessor.

**MAYOR SILVER** stated that he and Councilman Berglund met with the County Road Department last year for road improvements. This year, the 2016 Road Improvement program will not be meeting with towns, but have provided a list of last years projects and this year's anticipated projects. They are looking to improve realignments, signaling and signage, and other improvements on county roads.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Judith Carluccio (Laurel Ave) and Angela Whitehill (218 Ocean Ave) discussed Camp Walk, and requested the Borough's assistance in beautifying this area. They asked for low-maintenance improvements, starting with the steps and subsequently painting and trimming the pavilion. They provided conceptual drawings to the council on improvements. They stated they have a defunct garden club that has some money they could contribute to these improvements, which equates to about \$3,200.00. Councilwoman Snow requested to set up a committee to assist in these requests.

Lynn Pendleton, 249 Ocean Avenue, also representing the Yacht Club, thanked the Borough for fixing the boardwalk. She also mentioned that the curb box for the water shutoff is damaged underneath the boardwalk and hopes that it will be fixed shortly as well. Additionally, there is a sign at the pavilion to not the feed the waterfowl, and requests a sign posted at the yacht club.

A resident raised concern on cutting cherry blossoms along Ocean Avenue. The Mayor stated it was possibly JCP&L or the County.

Doug Platt, 118 Summit Avenue asked about who is updating the Borough website and stated that some aspects that used to be included on the website, are now off; specifically snow and parking regulations. Councilwoman Snow stated that they are still working on it. He further raised concern over the listed project manager to administer federal funds.

Councilman Berglund stated there is a little more paperwork associated with federal grants and this work is no more than what he does on normal projects.

Brian Gabriel, 185 Summit, asked if the Borough is set up for beach badges and badge checkers.

Mayor Silver stated the 2016 budget provides for provisions for Class 1 Police Officers to write summons which have curtailed beach visitors, and there are volunteers for Badge Checkers.

Lieutenant Arnold stated it was not cost effective to hire additional personnel to handle a low frequency people of fishing in the off season. However, confirmed that if people called the police in response to

fishing without a permit, they would respond.

Mayor Silver stated that the Borough is working on obtaining a survey of Park Avenue to determine the cost of the road, in lieu of the continuing cost of road repair.

Councilman Pillion stated the Borough will be holding a public meeting to allow the Fire Company to present their financial request. The meeting is expected to be at the Fire Hall. The Council provided full council consent in support of holding a public meeting.

Councilman Bendel motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Snow

**7. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:05pm**