

**BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 15, 2016, 9:00 AM**

Mayor Silver read the following public meeting notice, followed by a salute to the flag:

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 appeared in the Asbury Park Press on June 8, 2016 and published on June 11, 2016 and is posted on the bulletin board, and in the municipal building.

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
Absent			x					

Mayor Silver introduced the CFO, Margaret Gorman, and stated she is here to provide a review of the current budget.

Council President Asay asked the CFO on how she came up with the budget.

Mrs. Gorman stated that she sent out budget requests to all departments. Mrs. Gorman also had meetings with Mayor Silver, Tax Collector Wendy Prior, the Municipal Clerk, and April Elley in Finance Department, to provide a greater understanding of their past and current needs. Based on all received budget requests, a review of current projects and needs of the municipality, she drafted a conservative, bare bones budget.

Mrs. Gorman responded to Council Member Thompson's question as to what new hires are proposed in the budget, stating there was an allocation for a part-time Police Department Secretary, a part-time Secretary in the Administration building, and two part-time Code Enforcement Officers.

Councilman Pillion asked the CFO the current status of available surplus.

Mrs. Gorman stated the anticipated surplus for the 2016 budget is \$225,662.00, compared to 2015 at \$214,050.00.

Brian Gabriel asked the CFO what the process is moving forward if the budget is amended.

Mrs. Gorman stated that if there is an amendment to the budget, those amendments must be introduced, and a hearing will be held on only those amendments. If approved, they will be sent to the State for budget approval, as it is every year, and then would be considered for final passage by Council, contingent that the State approves the budget in its amended form.

Councilman Bendel stated that the Fire Company is in a state of financial crisis, and as the only fire protection service, there is an immediate need to increase their funding. He added that the budget in its current form is unacceptable, and additional funds must be found for public safety.

Maureen DeSanto Scott, 15 Fletcher Place, asked Mayor Silver about the need for hiring additional code enforcement officers.

Mayor Silver stated that the Code Enforcement Officers would be to not only curb the heightened code infractions during the seasonal timeframe, but also have the ability to collect beach badges if necessary. He further stated that their presence is necessary to curb any “wild west” actions on Borough property.

Mrs. Gorman stated that the total anticipated Salaries and Wages for 2016 is \$1,006,348.22; up from the Final 2015 budget of \$915,139.77. She further stated that she has had multiple meetings with the elected officials regarding formulating the budget, and if the Governing Body wish to amend any aspect of the budget, she needs to be informed of where there they wish to cut from. If there is going to be an increase in the Fire Department’s line item, she needs to be directed where there are going to be cuts to pay for the increased line item.

Seeing no other public comments, Councilman Bendel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Pillion and full Council consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Municipal Clerk

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Mayor Silver