

**BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
January 5, 2017
7:15 P.M.**

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 December 21, 2016 and is posted on the bulletin board, and in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call:

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

	Asay	Bendel	Berglund	Snow	Thompson	Wudzki	Mayor Silver	Atty O’Connell
Present	X		X			X	X	X
Absent		X		X	X			

Also Present: Margaret Gorman, Chief Financial Officer

1. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

2. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2017-11 Resolution – Approving 2017 Temporary Budget

Chief Financial Officer Gorman explained that since the Borough is still working on the 2017 budget, State Statute lets the municipality take 26.25% of the budget so the Borough can operate for the next 3 months.

Public Comment

Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		Asay	X			
		Bendel				X
	X	Berglund	X			
		Snow				X
		Thompson				X
		Wudzki	X			
		Mayor Silver	X			

Resolution 2017-12 Bill List

Public Comment:

Bob MacNeal asked what the bill list was. The Mayor explained that it has to do with paying payroll, insurance, school, gas bills, internet bills, electric bills, etc. Councilmember Asay pointed out that the insurance bill for the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund is \$110,000. This is for the Borough to insure for workers compensation, vehicles, etc. The deductibles are very high and it is for the minimum insurance we have to carry.

Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Asay	X			
		Bendel				X
X		Berglund	X			
		Snow				X
		Thompson				X
	X	Wudzki	X			
		Mayor Silver	X			

Resolution 2017-15 Resolution – Appointing Courtney Marx as Temporary Office Assistant at a Rate of \$12.50 Per Hour Not to Exceed 28 Hours Per Week

Public Comment - None

Roll Call

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Asay	X			
		Bendel				X
X		Berglund	X			
		Snow				X
		Thompson				X
	X	Wudzki	X			
		Mayor Silver	X			

3. PURCHASE ORDER

Resolution 2017-13 Approving the Following Purchase Order

Vendor: John E. Camburn & Son
Item: Replacement of Equipment at Fletcher Place Pump Station
Amount: \$3,473.25

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Asay	X			
		Bendel				X
X		Berglund	X			
		Snow				X
		Thompson				X
	X	Wudzki	X			
		Mayor Silver	X			

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Berglund had no report.

Councilmember Asay welcomed the new Fire Chief, Ken Balfrey and the new Fire Company Vice President, Brian Gabriel. Councilmember Asay said he was looking forward to working with these gentlemen this year.

Councilmember Wudzki said she was very excited about this opportunity.

Mayor Silver acknowledged Councilmember Wudzki’s family who were present.

Mayor Silver read a notice from the Island Heights Police Department regarding the upcoming snow storm:

“Snow Emergency Ordinance 96-017, 7-3.9 To: All Island Heights Residents. From: Island Heights Police Department. Residents: During a snow emergency Residents will have to follow Ordinance 96-017. This ordinance will be in effect whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the roadways of Island Heights. Parking on the streets of Island Heights for these times will be as such: There will be NO PARKING permitted on the SOUTH SIDE of EAST/WEST STREETS and on the EAST SIDE of NORTH/SOUTH STREETS. All off street parking must be utilized to the fullest capacity. Violation of this ordinance could bring a fine not to exceed \$200.00 or incarceration for a term not exceeding ten (10) days or both.

This ordinance will be strictly enforced so please make every effort to adhere to it. For a copy of this ordinance or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Island Heights Police Department at 732-270-3006.”

Mayor Silver reported that the Ocean County Board of Taxation held a meeting on December 15, 2016. At that meeting the Board of Taxation approved a town-wide reevaluation for the Borough. It must take place during the 2017 tax year and must be implemented for the 2018 tax year. The reevaluation must be accomplished within the next 12 months. The Mayor will have more information to follow as to what organization will have the task of handling the reevaluation for the Borough. The reevaluation will include all commercial, residential and marina properties in the town.

5. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Bill Hummel, Ocean Bend, supports paid parking along the boardwalk on River Avenue. He thinks it could be easily implemented and wouldn't be much of an imposition. He also suggested that Island Heights have a police boat and auxiliary police.

The Mayor said that he has been getting positive comments from other residents regarding paid parking on River Avenue.

Maureen DeSanto, 15 Fletcher Place, said that the school reorganization meeting was the other night and she is the liaison to the Borough Council. She was reaching out to Councilmember Wudzki to let her know that the School Board wants to continue the positive relationship that the Board and the Borough have had together. Whatever the Borough needs from the School Board, please come to her.

Mrs. DeSanto said that the curriculum committee is trying to reach out more to the community. There are a few things planned that will be seen in the next couple of months. She also asked if Councilmember Snow would still be involved in the Environmental Committee. Mayor Silver said that she would always participate.

Barry Constantine, 191 Central Avenue, requested the monitoring of speeding on Central Avenue. He wanted to know when the sensors will be moved. The Mayor said that he needs to make arrangements with Ocean County because they have to unlock the axles to move them. He said that they will be relocated probably sometime next week, after he reaches out to the County to move them. The Mayor said he will be relocating one to 191 Central Avenue.

A member of the audience suggested parking an old police car on Central Avenue.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONTRACT DISCUSSION 7:34 p.m.

Resolution 2017-14

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	X	Asay	X			
		Bendel				X
X		Berglund	X			
		Snow				X
		Thompson				X
		Wudzki	X			
		Mayor Silver	X			

7. ADJOURNMENT 8:07 p.m.

First: Berglund Second: Wudzki All In Favor

Respectfully Submitted by:

Katherine Fenton-Newman, Acting Borough Clerk