

**BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 30, 2018**

The Special 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 advertised in the Asbury Park Press on July 26, 2018 and was also posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

After the pledge to the flag Mayor Silver asked for a moment of silence for Joseph Rogalski, a former councilmember.

**1. ROLL CALL**

	Council President Berglund	Asay	Gabriel	Snow	Thompson	Wudzki	Mayor Silver	Atty O'Connell
Present	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Absent						X		

Also present CFO Peggy Gorman

**Audit Presentation** Jerry Conaty from Holman, Frenia and Allison

The audit was filed with the state and tonight the council is voting on accepting the audit. Councilman Asay asked why the antenna lease is listed under two different titles in two different places. Mr. Conaty stated that is not uncommon for municipalities to split. Councilman Asay stated that his concern comes from a previous water rate increase that could have been avoided if the council was aware of money that was being taken from water sewer and used in the General Fund.

No comments from the public.

Resolution 2018-138 Accepting the Borough Audit

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

**1. Bill List**

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

2. Workshop on Budget and Capital Ordinances (no action taken):

CFO Gorman brings up for discussion the budget issues the town is currently facing. She informed the council that court revenue and beach badge revenue are down. She also stated that bonds are coming due which could lead to future tax increases. Water shutoff and delinquent procedures were then discussed by the council.

Discussion also included estimated tax bills as well as fixing broken water meters.

Mayor Silver also said the town is in negotiations with the post office on their lease.

Councilwoman Snow states that recycling grants will be cut in 2019.

The municipal court was brought up for discussion. Councilwoman Thompson asked what the cost is to bring the court up to code. Mayor Silver responded that the estimate is between sixty and eighty thousand dollars. Beth Boettger Island Heights Court Administrator enters the meeting and is recognized by the council. Councilman Gabriel asked if there are stats for tickets written in 2016, 2017, and 2018. Ms. Boettger: 2015 there were 683 tickets, 2016 there were 557 tickets, 2017 there were 307 tickets, and 2018 there were 78 tickets. Highest year of tickets was 2,100 and the last time one thousand tickets were written was in 2009. Councilman Asay asked Ms. Boettger if she sees a decrease in tickets in other towns. Ms. Boettger replied that other courts are down but for different reasons than Island Heights. Beth Boettger Court Administrator leaves the meeting.

CFO Gorman and the council discussed the capital improvement projects. Police have requested a pickup truck. The basketball and tennis courts are potential projects that need to be done. Councilwoman Thompson wants to hear from the department heads about what they need and why. With the potential for tax increases coming Councilman Gabriel wants to know if department heads have been asked to find ways to save money. CFO Gorman will send out packets to the department heads to fill out about what they need for the upcoming year.

Motion to adjourn at 8pm was made by Ms. Thompson second by Ms. Snow. Unanimous Voice Vote.

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Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Prior, Deputy Clerk