

Mayor and Council Newsletter

Borough of Island Heights
Council Meeting
February 14, 2012
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Agenda items are listed in the order that they were acted upon. Each agenda item is summarized. The mayor and/or council member familiar with the action is listed along with a telephone number.

Mayor – Jim Biggs - Present
Council President Al Gabriel - Present
Council Members present: John Bendel, Greg Heizler, Joe Rogalski, Jeffrey B. Silver, and Brian Taboada
Council members absent: None

1. Second reading and introduction Ordinance 2012 – 01 entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IDENTIFYING AND NAMING EAST CAMP WALK AND A PORTION OF WEST CAMP WALK.

2. Public Hearing Ordinance 2012 – 01.

Summary: After the public hearing of ordinance 2012 - 01, the Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved an ordinance identifying and naming East Camp Walk and a portion of West Camp Walk. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Brian Taboada - Council Member Liaison

3. Adopt Resolution 2012 – 10 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 1ST QUARTER 2012 TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$623.80 FOR BLOCK 41, LOT 4 DUE TO OVERPAYMENT BY OWNER AND THE CREDIT OF THE HOMESTEAD REBATE.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the refund of 1st quarter 2012 taxes in the amount of \$623.80 for block 41, lot 4 due to overpayment by owner and the credit of the homestead rebate. For details contact: Wendy Prior, Tax Collector – (732) 270-6414, Al Gabriel – Council Liaison

4. Adopt Resolution 2012 – 11 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ASSESSOR TO CANCEL THE CURRENT VALUES ON BLOCK 32 – LOT 1 FOR THE TAX YEAR 2011.

Summary: This resolution was tabled. For details contact: Vicky Mickiewicz – Tax Assessor (732) 270-6415, Greg Heizler - Council Member Liaison, John Bendel – Council Member Liaison

5. Adopt Resolution 2012 – 12 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND

HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OCEAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Ocean County Community Development Block Grant Committee. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs - Mayor

6. Approve obligations chargeable to the 2011 operating budget and the 2012 temporary operating budget as presented.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved obligations chargeable to the operating budgets. For details contact: Louis Palazzo – Chief Financial Officer (732) 270-6415, Greg Heizler - Council Member Liaison, John Bendel – Council Member Liaison

7. The following will be acted on as a consent agenda:

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| (1) Requesting Dept.: | Water / Sewer |
| Vendor: | Point Bay Fuel |
| Item/Service: | ULSD CLR NTX 142.4 GAL @ \$3.5520/GAL AND LUST TAX |
| TOTAL: | \$505.94 |
| (2) Requesting Dept.: | Water / Sewer |
| Vendor: | AISH Fire Protection |
| Item/Service: | Fire extinguisher maintenance for public works, fire house, police department, borough hall and first aid |
| TOTAL: | \$733.40 |
| (3) Requesting Dept.: | Water / Sewer |
| Vendor: | Giles & Ransome |
| Item/Service: | Oil leaking from machine repair not covered under warranty due to external damage |
| TOTAL: | \$760.58 |
| (4) Requesting Dept.: | DeLage Landen Financial Services |
| Vendor: | Toshiba Copier Lease (Borough Hall) 1/15/2012-2/14/2013 |

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved the issuance of purchase orders for the four (4) items listed above. For details on items 1 thru 3 contact: Jon Brodbeck – Assistant Superintendent of Public Works (732) 270-6424, Joe Rogalski - Council Member Liaison, Jeff Silver – Council Member Liaison; for

details on item 4 contact: April D. Elley – Purchasing Agent (732) 270-6415, John Bendel – Council Member Liaison, Greg Heizler - Council Member Liaison

8. Approve the following application for a Special Permit for Social Affair (ABC) for the following:

Applicant: Central Regional Foundation
Location: Island Heights Fire Co. #1
Date of Event: April 27, 2012 between the hours of 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved an application for a special permit for social affair (ABC) for Central Regional Foundation to be held at the Island Heights Fire Co. #1 on April 27, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

9. Approve the following Special Events Application:

Applicant: Toms River Kiwanis 5K River to Run
Date of Event: May 5, 2012

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a special events application for Toms River Kiwanis for the annual 5K to River Run, to be held on May 5, 2012. Certificate of insurance is on file. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Al Gabriel – Council President

10. Approve request from the following for use of the Pavilion.

Applicant: Island Heights Cultural & Heritage Association
Location: Central Avenue Pavilion
Date of Event: June 23 & 24, 2012

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a request from the Island Heights Cultural & Heritage Association for use of the Central Avenue Pavilion on June 23 and 24, 2012. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Al Gabriel – Council President

11. Adopt Resolution 2012 – 14 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Summary: There was no need for closed session; therefore this resolution was not acted upon. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Al Gabriel – Council President

Liaison Reports

Council President Al Gabriel did not have a report.

Council Member John Bendel reported on behalf of Betsy Hyle of the **Senior Advisory Committee** that Senior Get-togethers are scheduled for Wednesday April 18th and Wednesday May 16th. Watch the newsletter and the post office window for details. There is no get-together in March, but Ocean County College is hosting the Senior Living Expo on Thursday March 15th in the College Gymnasium (Building #19). Doors open at 10:00 AM Expo closes at 2:00 PM. Among the highlights: and wellness screenings. Free samplings from area restaurants (the list is updated daily at www.ocean.edu/alumni/exhibitors). Door prizes, free giveaways, and free parking.

On behalf of **Island Heights Friends of the Library**, Betsy said the trustees thank the Mayor and Council and public works for the mid-week library cleaning. The library continues to host record numbers of people each week. Betsy thanked all who supported the holiday candy sale, especially Nancy Baker, Barbara Owens and Jayne Baumann who contributed handmade chocolates. The next book club discussion will be Tuesday April 10th at 11:00 AM at the library. The book, "Out Stealing Horses", and can be picked up March 13th at the library help desk. As always, excellent programs for children and adults are scheduled each month. The "Talk of the Town" series will return in the spring with Island Heights neighbors sharing their hobbies and interests. Stop by the library for a calendar or check them out on line.

Continuing, Bendel read a report from Peggy Bendel for the **Green Team of the Environmental Committee**: "The Green Team has arranged for a free energy audit of borough hall and the police station. Dr. Patrick Hossay and his student, Jared, of Stockton State College, came to Island Heights this past Thursday for an orientation, to take preliminary measurements, and to devise a plan. They will be visiting the two buildings a number of times in the months to come to collect data. The audit will be very detailed and include monitors of energy use by computers, refrigerators, and other equipment; studies of wind leaks around doors and windows; recommendations for conservation measures and projected savings; reports on air quality are also part of the energy audit. In a future phase, the audit will include the public works, library, and post office buildings. It's worth noting that sources for free and grant-subsidized energy audits have dried up, and audits are now priced on a per-square-foot basis. This arrangement with Stockton's experts is worth thousands of dollars to our borough."

Finally, Council Person Bendel commented on remarks at a meeting of the **Ocean County Mayors Association** that was addressed by Bill Dressel, Executive Director of the New Jersey League of Municipalities. Bendel said that in the not-too-distant future Island Heights needs to have a very serious discussion of ways to control taxes and maintain the borough's independence. **Council Member Greg Heizler** stated that he respectfully extend his heartfelt **thanks to Gabe** for his selfless service to this community. He is Island Heights. Mr. Heizler will miss him at

council meetings but look forward to him cruising around town. Thanks Gabe!!

Council Member Joe Rogalski did not have a report.

Council Member Jeffrey B. Silver did not have a report.

Council Member Brian Taboada did not have a report.

Privilege of the Floor

These subjects were discussed during Privilege of the Floor, for additional details please see the approved minutes on the borough website.

- No items.
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Other Borough Actions

Adopt Resolution 2012 – 13 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SCHEDULE “C” AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR 2012.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the execution of a schedule “C” agreement with the County of Ocean for 2012. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Approve with regrets the resignation of Albert R. Gabriel, Jr. as a member of council effective February 21, 2012.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved with regrets the resignation of Albert R. Gabriel, Jr. as a member of council effective February 21, 2012. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Award the proposal for Receptor Evaluation from EWMA location; Island Heights Borough Garage, Block 38.03, Lot 24, Lake & Laurel Avenues in the amount of \$2,750.00.

Summary: The Mayor and Council unanimously awarded a proposal for Receptor Evaluation from EWMA location; Island Heights borough garage, block 38.03, lot 24, Lake and Laurel Avenues in the amount of \$2,750.00. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Appoint Kenneth Kukfa to act as conflict attorney in the Central Regional litigation.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved the appointment of Kenneth Kukfa to act as a conflict attorney in the Central Regional litigation. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor (732) 270-6415

Approve the following purchase order request:

Requesting Dept.:	Police Department
Vendor:	Midas Muffler
Item/Service:	
Repairs to Ford F150	\$1,425.73
Dodge Durango	\$ 701.42
Total:	\$2,127.15

Motion to approve the exploration to determine whether the borough should/could sell the vehicles which were purchased from the county.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a motion to explore and determine if the borough should/could sell the vehicles which were purchased from the county. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Other Items of Interest

□ The **Island Heights Recreation Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, February 27, 2012 at 7:03 PM held at the borough hall.

□ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

□ The **Island Heights Senior Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

□ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regular meeting is Wednesday, March 7, 2012 workshop begins at 7:00 PM, followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 PM, held at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.

□ The **Island Heights Board of Health** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 9:00 AM held at the borough hall.

□ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

□ The **Island Heights Planning Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 6:30 PM held at the borough hall.

□ The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education building, Forest Hills Parkway, Bayville.

□ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

□ The **Island Heights Recreation Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, March 26, 2012 at 7:30 PM held at the borough hall.

□ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

The Municipal Clerk's Office, Tax Collector & Water/Sewer Office, Finance & Purchasing, are open Monday – Friday 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and Monday evening 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Building & Fire Departments, Tax Assessor and Municipal Court are open Monday evening 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Please call the borough hall at (732) 270-6415 for days and times of offices not listed above.

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Mayor Jim Biggs
Council Member Brian Taboada
Council Member Jeff Silver
April D. Elley, Newsletter Editor (732) 270-6415

Mayors' Corner....

Mayor Biggs thanks Al "Gabe" Gabriel for his many, many years of dedicated service to the Borough of Island Heights. Though Gabe may not be on council, the Mayor looks forward to continuing to work with him for what's in the best interest of the borough.

Notice

**DOG & CAT LICENSES ARE TO BE
RENEWED
JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR**

- * **Proof of Current Rabies Required**
- * **Spaying/Neutering Certificate to obtain \$3.00 discount**

Cat & Dog Fee: \$10.00

Proof Spayed/Neutered: \$7.00

In addition, a Late Fee of \$5.00 will be imposed February 1 and an additional \$1.00 each month late thereafter.