

Mayor and Council Newsletter

Borough of Island Heights
Council Meeting
March 13, 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 - Jeffrey B. Silver - Present
Council Members present: John Bendel, Greg Heizler, Joe Rogalski, and Brian Taboada
Council members absent: None

Appoint Peter Kier to temporarily fill the council vacancy created by the resignation of Al Gabriel, Jr.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved the appointment of Peter Kier to temporarily fill the council vacancy created by the resignation of Al Gabriel, Jr. until the November 6, 2012 election. The unexpired term (vacancy) shall be filled for its unexpired term at the next general election.

1. Adopt Resolution 2012 – 18 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATION OF A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION.

Summary: With one (1) abstention, the Mayor and Council Members approved a resolution creating temporary emergency appropriations. For details contact: Louis Palazzo – Chief Financial Officer (732) 270-6415, Greg Heizler - Council Member Liaison, John Bendel – Council Member Liaison

2. Introduction of the 2012 Municipal Budget.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members approved the introduction of the 2012 municipal budget. For details contact: Louis Palazzo – Chief Financial Officer (732) 270-6415, Greg Heizler - Council Member Liaison, John Bendel – Council Member Liaison

3. First Reading and Introduction Ordinance 2012 – 02 entitled, BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved an ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriations limits and to establish a cap bank. For details contact: Louis Palazzo – Chief Financial Officer (732) 270-6415, Greg Heizler - Council Member Liaison, John Bendel – Council Member Liaison

4. 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

5. Adopt Resolution 2012 – 19 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO PERMIT PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ADJUSTMENTS AND EXPAND THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL ASSESSOR'S OFFICE .

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a resolution supporting legislation to permit property tax assessment adjustments and expand the role of the local assessor's office. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Greg Heizler - Council Member Liaison, John Bendel – Council Member Liaison

6. O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates; RE: Island Heights Library Handicap Ramp Replacement authorize bid advertisement.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved the borough engineer to advertise for bids for the Island Heights Library Handicap Ramp Replacement project. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs - Mayor

7. O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates; RE: Summit Avenue Beach Parking Lot Improvements NJDOT 2012 authorize bid advertisement.

Summary: With one (1) no vote, the Mayor and Council Members approved the borough engineer to advertise for bids for the Summit Avenue Beach Parking Lot Improvements project. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs - Mayor

8. Approve Special Events Application and Road Closing Permit: Barnegat Bay Partnership: Date: Saturday, June 2012 (Possible Workshop) Date: Sunday, June 3, 2012 (Festival) Time: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Set-Up Dates: Thursday & Friday, May 31 and June 1, 2012

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved the special events application and road closing permit for the Barnegat Bay Partnership listed above. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs - Mayor

9. Approve the following Road Closing Permit Application: Applicant: John & Lynn Pendelton Date of Event: July 28, 2012 (Wedding) Time: 4:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a road closing permit application for John and Lynn Pendelton listed above. The approval is subject to the inclusion of a fire lane access, including public access to Long Point. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs - Mayor

10. J.F. Peto Studio Museum; RE: Permission to use parking lot municipal complex for people participating in a bus trip to the Brooklyn Museum and Brooklyn Botanical Gardens on April 14.

Summary: With one (1) abstention, the Mayor and Council Members approved a request from J.F. Peto Studio Museum to use the Municipal Complex parking lot for people participating in a bus trip to the Brooklyn Museum and Brooklyn Botanical Gardens on April 14. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs - Mayor

11. Adopt Resolution 2012 – 20 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a resolution to enter into executive session. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Liaison Reports

Council Member John Bendel reported that he spoke with Don Roberts about the riverfront plantings and that Don said he would come to a council meeting discuss the issues.

Council Member Greg Heizler did not have a report.

Council Member Peter Kier did not have a report.

Council Member Joe Rogalski reported on the **Island Heights Police Department**. The IHPD announced that with the nice weather upon us, there will be more children out playing, runners, and other outdoor activities taking place around town and drivers should be more alert. On the same note, there will be more people walking in town but please do not put your guards down as to people who are suspicious in nature. If something or someone does not look right or is acting in a suspicious manner, please call the police department at (732) 270-3006 so it can be looked into.

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.

- Availability of a copy of the 2012 municipal budget.
- Utilization of the dumpster at the fire house.
- Status of the Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority survey of the town.

Other Borough Actions

Adopt Resolution 2012 – 21 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a resolution appointing Mayor Jim Biggs and borough engineer Michael O'Donnell as representatives for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant. For details

contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Approve request from the Riverside Signal to place newspaper distribution boxes at the following locations: Central Avenue near First Aid building, Post Office, Wanamaker Complex, and Central Avenue on the westerly side across from the deli.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a request from the Riverside Signal to place newspaper distribution boxes at the locations listed above. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Approve payment to the State of New Jersey for Application Fee to accompany the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Application for the Summit Avenue Beach Parking Lot Improvements; check amount \$1,235.00 (\$550.00 certification fee, \$660.00 inspection/enforcement fee and \$25.00 State Soil Conservation Committee Administration fee).

Summary: With one (1) no vote, the Mayor and Council Members approved payment to the State of New Jersey for application fee to accompany the soil erosion and sediment control application for the Summit Avenue Beach Parking Lot Improvements project. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Award contract for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal to Suburban Disposal of Fairfield, NJ for a five (5) year period commencing April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2017; Option #1 in the amount of \$410,000.00 annual amount of \$82,000.00.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved the award of a contract for solid waste collection and disposal to Suburban Disposal; contract commences April 1, 2012 and expires March 31, 2017. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Other Items of Interest

❑ 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 welcomes long time Island Heights resident and volunteer first aid member **Peter Kier** to the borough council. Peter will be an asset to our borough, and the Mayor and fellow council members look forward to working with him for what's in the best interest of Island Heights.