

Mayor and Council Newsletter

Borough of Island Heights
Council Meeting
January 22, 2013
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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,
Peter Kier, Joe Rogalski and Brian Taboada
Council members absent: None*

1. Adopt Resolution 2013 - 14 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE HUD TOGETHER NEW JERSEY LOCAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECT (LDP) PROGRAM.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a resolution to apply for a grant from the HUD together New Jersey Local Demonstration Project (LDP) Program. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

2. Approve the execution of a Letter of Intent for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the borough and its residents to be eligible for participation in the program.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved the execution of a letter of intent for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the borough and its residents to be eligible for participation in the program. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

3. Approve obligations chargeable to the 2012 operating budget and the 2013 temporary budget as presented.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved the payment of obligations chargeable to the 2012 operating budget and the 2013 temporary operating budgets. For details contact: Louis Palazzo – Chief Financial Officer (732) 270-6415, Pete Kier - Council Member Liaison

The following was acted on as a consent agenda.

4. Approve the following Purchase Order requests:

1. Requesting Dept: Public Works
Vendor: Point Bay Fuel
Item/Service: 252 galls fuel @ 3.43 + LUST tax \$0.25
TOTAL: \$864.61

2. Requesting Dept: Public Works
Vendor: John Camburn & Son, Inc.
Item/Service: Material for repair to station
TOTAL: \$672.30

3. Requesting Dept: Public Works
Vendor: Zone 2
Item/Service: 42-Long Sleeve Tshirts, 5 Blue and 2 Green per P.W. Employ
TOTAL: \$574.00

STORM RELATED: Hurricane Sandy

4. Requesting Dept: Public Works
Vendor: ERS Fleet Repair Inc.
Item/Service: 1 Welding Material
5 Labor/Hour fabricate new brackets for tailgate. Cut aluminum to match other side weld new brackets on
TOTAL: \$500.00

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

5. Approve the minutes from the following meetings: October 23, 2012, November 13, 2012, December 11, 2012, Organization January 8, 2013 and Regular Meeting January 8, 2013 as corrected.

Summary: The Mayor and Council members unanimously approved the minutes from the meetings of October 23, 2012, November 13, 2012, December 11, 2012, January 8, 2013 (Organization), and January 8, 2013. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Pete Kier – Council Member Liaison

6. Adopt Resolution 2013 – 15 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 did not have a report.
Council Member Greg Heizler did not have a report.
Council Member Pete Kier did not have a report.
Council Member Joe Rogalski did not have a report.
Council President Jeff Silver reported in reviewing the alarm system specs for the new **water treatment facility** does not include a fire alarm system. He would also like to amend the landscaping price at the water treatment plant (WTP) it is currently \$50,000. Mr. Bendel suggested that the Environmental Committee be consulted on this project. The Mayor asked that the following be part of a committee to review the landscaping at the WTP; Mr. Silver, Ms. Snow and Mary Judge. Mr. Silver also reported that the **Police Department** has received their new computers and monitors. He also mentioned that the footings for the water tower were being poured.
Council Member Brian Taboada reported on the **Environmental Committee**. The Environmental Committee would like to encourage residents to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count by joining expert birders for hikes through the Brown's Woods property (the new offices of the Barnegat Bay Partnership) on the corner of Whittier and Washington – enter the property on Haines Road. To participate and to sign up for a date (February 15-18), please contact the Ocean County Watershed Ambassador, Joanna Marino, at 732-914-8116 or ambassadorwma13@gmail.com. This is a family-friendly activity, so bring the kids. The property is a great place to walk your dog, but for this particular activity, it might be best to leave them home in order to log in more birds. Mr. Taboada also recognized some of the **Environmental Committee and Green Team accomplishments for 2012**: received a Sustainable Jersey PSE&G \$20,000 grant to convert the Post Office parking lot medians into bio-swales, received a \$3,000 grant from Green Communities to write a Community Forestry Plan, arranged for an energy audit for the town with a presentation at the December 11, 2012 Mayor and Council meeting, in process of receiving a \$90,000 grant from the North Jersey Sustainable Communities Consortium for planning assistance in anticipation of extreme weather events, planted donated beach plums at Long Point park with volunteers, provided a book of

recommended native New Jersey trees to the borough Code Enforcement Officer, created a Facebook page for the Environmental Committee and Green Team, organized two work days to maintain the Riverfront native plant project using both Department of Corrections personnel and a youth employment summer work force, and encouraged single-stream recycling program instituted in 2012. Mr. Taboada also reported on **Buildings & Grounds**. Council has approved the submitted time and material request for the reconstruction of the entire lower section of the Pavilion by Public Works. This is inclusive of support brackets, joists, decking, stair repairs, and new pressure relief panels. Additionally, Public Works has submitted, as part of the Pavilion reconstruction, time and material for the reconstruction of the boardwalk in front of the Pavilion (AKA the thumb). Expect to see this work begin once weather permits as it is a priority of the borough for Sandy repairs. Public Works has also been approved to proceed with a time and material request for replacement of the damage areas of the River Avenue bulkhead cap. Expect to see this work done upon prioritization of borough Sandy repairs. Lastly, the section of boardwalk where Simpson Avenue turns to meet River Avenue is currently awaiting a determination from the Engineer as to plans for the road improvements for that section of Simpson Avenue.

Privilege of the Floor

These subjects were discussed during Privilege of the Floor, for additional details please see the approved minutes retained by Borough Clerk.

- Borough considers using sustainable materials when doing repairs.
- Green Team investigated an opportunity to obtain grants funds to deal with flooding and other consequences of climate change.
- Status of removal of the storm related tree trunks along certain property as well as the way the debris was removed by public works.

Other Borough Actions

Approve request from the Rotary Club of Toms River to hold Sailfest along River Avenue on Saturday, September 7, 2013 in the same format that it has been in. The Rotary would also like to have the Central Avenue Dock and the upstairs of the Pavilion closed for Sailfest. To include the following stipulations: 1) Prepayment in the amount of \$3,000 for police salaries will be made by September 1st of the year that the event will take place; option to keep the upper level of the pavilion open for borough use VIP ticket sales.

Summary: With two (2) abstentions, the Council Members approved the aforementioned request from the Rotary Club of Toms River with regard to Sailfest on Saturday, September 7, 2013. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Motion to go forward with the repair to the Summit Avenue Groin repair. Mayor also formed a committee of the following council members to work on this project: Mr. Silver, Mr. Taboada and Mr. Bendel.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a motion to repair the Summit Avenue repair. In addition, Mayor Biggs formed a committee of Mr. Silver, Mr. Taboada and Mr. Bendel to work on this project. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Approve the repair to the Central Avenue Pavilion including the thumb based on the estimate by O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates in the amount of \$25,563.00, using force account labor.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved the repair of the Central Avenue Pavilion including the thumb based on the estimate of

O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates in the amount of \$25,563.00. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Approve the repair of the capping on the River Avenue bulkhead in the amount of \$2,561.00, using force account labor.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved the repair of the capping on the River Avenue bulkhead in the amount of \$2,561.00 using force account labor. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Approve the repair of the boardwalk lights along the boardwalk and pavilion.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved the repair of the boardwalk lights along the boardwalk and pavilion. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Approve the amending of the AT&T Site #NYNYNJ6013 contract agreeing to allow for the switching of the cellular equipment on the old water tank.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved to amend the AT&T Site contract agreeing to allow for the switching of the cellular equipment on the old water tank. For details contact: Ellie Rogalski – Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Other Items of Interest

□ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is **Monday**, February 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

□ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting for Tuesday, February 12, 2013 **cancelled** and rescheduled for Monday, February 11, 2013.

□ The **Island Heights Board of Health** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 9:00 AM held at the borough hall.

□ The **Island Heights Planning Board** regularly scheduled meeting for Wednesday, February 13, 2013 has been **cancelled**.

□ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

□ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

□ The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 28, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education building, Forest Hills Parkway, Bayville.

**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.

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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Council Member Greg Heizler

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