

Mayor and Council Newsletter

Borough of Island Heights
Council Meeting
February 11, 2014
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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: Sean Asay, John Bendel, Steve Berglund, Kieran Pillion, Jr., and Sandra Blain-Snow
Council members absent: None

Presentation by Nick Mackres from EZENERGY regarding solar power to Borough Buildings.

Summary: Council President Jeff Silver invited Nick Mackres who is a renewable energy expert from EZenergy in Toms River to give Mayor and Council Members a brief presentation on solar energy. Mr. Mackres described the principals on how solar energy works and how it is installed for both commercial and residential properties. It has the potential to offset electrical costs and reduce our carbon footprint. Mr. Mackres is open for additional questions via email nickm@ezenergy.com. For details contact: Jeff Silver – Council President Liaison

1. Second reading and adoption Ordinance 2014 – 01, entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2005 – 08, 2006 – 11A, 2007 – 03, AND 2013 – 05 FIXING AND DETERMINING ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY WAGE OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2014 – 01.

Summary: After the public hearing of ordinance 2014 – 01, with one (1) abstention the Mayor and Council Members approved ordinance 2014 – 01. This ordinance amends prior ordinances which set the salaries and hourly wages of certain employees of the borough. For details contact: Louis Palazzo – Chief Financial Officer (732) 270-6415, Jeff Silver – Council President Liaison

2. Adopt Resolution 2014 - 21 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL 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 unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Ocean County Community Development Block Grant Committee. For details contact: Wendy Prior – Deputy Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

3. Adopt Resolution 2014 – 23 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO TEMPORARY

APPROPRIATIONS APPROVED PRIOR TO THE FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a resolution providing for amendments to temporary appropriations approved prior to the final adoption of the 2014 municipal budget. For details contact: Louis Palazzo – Chief Financial Officer (732) 270-6415, Jeff Silver – Council President Liaison

4. Approve obligations chargeable to the 2013 operating budget and the 2014 temporary budget as presented.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved the payment of obligations chargeable to the 2013 operating budget and the 2014 temporary operating budgets. For details contact: Louis Palazzo – Chief Financial Officer (732) 270-6415, Jeff Silver – Council President Liaison

5. Approve contract with CSI Computers for the year in the amount of \$4500 to be paid quarterly.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved a renewal contract with CSI Computers for 2014 in the amount of \$4,500. To be paid quarterly. This contract decreased by approximately \$500. from the previous year. For details contact: Wendy Prior – Deputy Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jeff Silver – Council President Liaison

6. Approve the following purchase order requests:

Requesting Dept.:	Public Works
Vendor:	AC Hess
Item/Service:	Salt for Roads
Total:	\$3,445.00

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Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved the issuance of two purchase orders to AC Hess each in the amount of \$3,445.00 for salt for roads. For details contact: Jon Brodbeck – Assistant Superintendent of Public Works (732) 2710-6424, Jeff Silver – Council President Liaison

7. Approve ABC Application for Island Heights Volunteer Fire Co. DOE: 6/28/14-Summerbrew

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approve an ABC application for the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Co. for Summerbrew to be held on June 28, 2014. For details contact: Wendy Prior – Deputy Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Sean Asay – Council Member Liaison

8. Approve membership to Island Heights Volunteer Fire Co. for David J. Hansen

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved membership for David J. Hansen to the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Co. For details contact: Wendy Prior – Deputy Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Sean Asay – Council Member Liaison

9. Adopt Resolution 2014 – 22 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: Wendy Prior – Deputy Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jeff Silver – Council President Liaison

Liaison Reports

Council Member Sean Asay reported that following discussions between himself and Lt. Arnold, an agreement was reached on a monthly report of police operations and activity of note. The **Police Department** will be posting the report on their Facebook page on or about the 10th of each month covering the prior month. Upon their request the report will also be made available to members of the media. Residents who wish to view the report on Facebook should search for "Island Heights Police Dept" on Facebook and "like" the page. This will allow them to view the contents of the Facebook page.

Council Member John Bendel voiced his concern over an effort in the state Senate to develop recommendations for municipal consolidation and shared services that would be mandatory. Mr. Bendel said Bill Dressel, Executive Director of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, told at a meeting of the Ocean County Mayors' Association that under the proposal if voters in affected towns turned down the recommendations, Trenton could cut off state revenues and perhaps even subject the municipality to a zero-percent budget cap. That would all but force reductions in services like police, fire and public works. Mr. Bendel further stated that such a heavy-handed approach to the issue posed an unjustified threat to Island Heights.

Council Member Steve Berglund did not have a report.

Council Member Kieran Pillion did not have a report. **Council President Jeffrey B. Silver** stated that he is concerned about a letter from Mr. Baran of O'Donnell, Stanton and Associates with another issue with the water treatment plant, its filtration system and how another fix is necessary at the cost of \$100,000.

Council Member Sandra Blain-Snow 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 retained by Borough Clerk.

- Birthday cupcakes for Sandra Snow's birthday.
- Badge Checker position

New Business

Approve the minutes from the following meetings: January 7, 2014 Re-Organization Meeting, January 7, 2014 and January 27, 2014.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved the minutes of the aforementioned meetings. For details contact:

Wendy Prior – Deputy Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jeff Silver – Council President Liaison

Approve application from T.R. East Little League for use of Memorial Baseballs Field on Monday nights from February 24, 2014 to July 14, 2014 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

Summary: The Mayor and Council Members unanimously approved an application from Toms River East Little League for use of Memorial Field on Monday nights from February 24, 2014 to July 14, 2014 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. For details contact: Wendy Prior – Deputy Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Kieran Pillion – Council Member Liaison

Other Borough Actions

Motion to appoint Mayor Biggs and Sean Asay to oversee negotiation process with PBA and Lt. Arnold.

Summary: With one (1) abstention, the Mayor and Council Members approved a motion to appoint Mayor Biggs and Council Member Asay to oversee the negotiation process with the PBA and with Lt. Arnold. For details contact: Wendy Prior – Deputy Borough Clerk (732) 270-6415, Jim Biggs – Mayor

Other Items of Interest

❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

❑ The **Island Heights Planning Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 6:30 PM held at the borough hall.

❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, Wednesday 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

❑ The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 27, 2014 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 Sandra Blain-Snow

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