

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Regular Meeting
Official Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights was called to order the meeting was held at the Island Heights Municipal Building, Wanamaker Complex, Island Heights, New Jersey.

Mayor Biggs read the notice of the meeting in accordance with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT P.L. 1975 Chapter 231 (Section 10:4-10). Notice of the Meeting appeared in the Asbury Park Press on December 19th, 2013, notice is also posted on the bulletin board and in the municipal building.

Pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. Roll

Call:

Council President	Jeff Silver	Council Member	Kieran Pillion, Jr.
Council Member	Sean Asay	Council Member	Sandra Snow
Council Member	John Bendel	Mayor	James Biggs
Council Member	Steve Berglund	Borough Attorney	Wm. Hierung, Jr. Esq.

First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance 2014-06 entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REPAIRS TO JAYNES AVENUE AND MAPLE AVENUE, AND APPROPRIATING \$225,000.00 THEREFORE AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$95,000.00 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE SAME

Motion by Mr. Silver second Mr. Berglund.

Mr. Silver	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Asay	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mayor Biggs	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes		

Adopt Resolution 2014 – 69 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2014 BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

Motion by Mr. Silver second Mr. Asay.

Mr. Silver	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Asay	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mayor Biggs	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes		

Approve obligations chargeable to the 2014 operating budget.

Motion by Mr. Bendel second Mr. Silver.

Mr. Silver	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Asay	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mayor Biggs	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes		

Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement between the Borough and the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management entitled, "Ocean County Recycling Center Use and Revenue Sharing Agreement". (term of Agreement Jan. 1, 2015 – Dec. 31, 2019.)

Motion by Mr. Silver second Ms. Snow.

Mr. Silver	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Asay	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mayor Biggs	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes		

NEW BUSINESS:

Authorizing MATES, Ocean County Vocational Technical School to utilize the courtroom on Friday, January 9, 2015 between 2:30 pm and 5:30 pm for a rehearsal for a Mock Trial dress rehearsal.

Motion by Mr. Silver second Mr. Bendel.

Mr. Silver	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Asay	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mayor Biggs	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes		

Approve the minutes from the October 14, 2014 Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Silver second Mr. Asay.

Mr. Silver	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Asay	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mayor Biggs	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes		

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion was held regarding the utilization of the Meeting Minutes as the newsletter in place of the current format of the newsletter.

Authorizing the utilization of the Meeting Minutes with ancillary notes as the newsletter in place of the current format of the newsletter.

Motion by Mr. Silver second by Mr. Bendel.

Mr. Silver	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Asay	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mayor Biggs	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes		

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Asay: Police Department is conducting their annual food drive. I have the list of items and they can be dropped off in the lobby of the Police Department or at Borough Hall. Emergency Management is working on updating the Borough’s Emergency Plan. Updating the Borough’s plans will help the Borough be better prepared for an emergency like Super Storm Sandy. I have a copy of the “Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan” that was prepared by Ocean County for review. I would like to remind everyone to lock their vehicles, as there has been an increase in people accessing unlocked vehicles to steal the contents of the vehicle. Someone attempted to gain entry into Public Works by ramming the fence with their vehicle. The cameras at Public Works were not working, so the event was not recorded and there are no leads as to who was attempting access. Will have the cameras fixed.

Ms. Snow: We approved a wedding reception to be held at Wanamaker Field. I read on social media that the plans have changed and they won’t be using the field. I wanted to be sure that Council was aware of the change in plans. I was approached by a resident who informed me that there was an anomomys individual willing to donate the money to build a bridge in the park at the entrance of Island Heights, where the Borough has the sign. I am not sure if this was acted upon or is a viable option to be pursued. I would like to announce the Island Heights PTO is holding is 1st Annual “Trunk or Treat” on October 30th between 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Participants are to be in place between 5:00 pm and 5:30pm. Vehicles can be decorated. Also, the Spaghetti Dinner is Nov. 4th from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$9.00 and are available from students or at the door.

Mr. Pillion: I spoke with Brian Hall of Dillon’s Creek about the groin at the northern end to get some background. Next step is to talk to Gilford Park Yacht Club to see if they have any involvement and to see what they’re doing. After that, I’ll contact Toms River Township’s Administrator to see about their involvement.

Mr. Berglund: I went by the new water tower and saw a man from one of the cellular companies installing a sign about radiation from the antennas on the gate. I was informed that each company must install their own signs, as per the FCC. I asked him about radiation from the antennas and he took me around with a radiation gauge and checked the radiation levels, especially along the north fence in the direction of the school. The levels of radiation were well below dangerous limits.

Mr. Bendel: Cultural & Heritage invited the candidates to speak at their last meeting. They were pleased with the event and plan to make it an annual event. I would like to urge everyone to get out and vote a week from today. What is being done about the events going on at the old mansion on Ocean Ave.? Code Enforcement has not been advised to look into it. Can we have the Borough Attorney draft a letter advising the owner that her usage of the building is not permitted by ordinance?

Mayor Biggs: Authorized the Borough Attorney to draft a letter to be sent to Eve Allison regarding the use of property as a commercial business. I would like to call a meeting of the Planning Board in order to have the commercial zones of the Borough better defined. There are businesses being run out of private residences.

Mr. Silver: I have a purchase order request that needs approval for front-end work to be done by Midas Auto Service on the Ford F-150 in the amount of \$1,192.97. Ultimately, the vehicle would be retired and given to Emergency Management for their use. Also, would like to start the disposal process for the old Crown Victoria that has an ailing transmission. It will be stripped of all police equipment and sold. The old Water Treatment Plant is gone and the site is graded. There will be a meeting with the Engineer to discuss the irrigation plans for the site. There is a new shed being built to store chlorine.

Approve Purchase Order Request for Midas Auto Service to repair the Ford F-150 in the amount of \$1,192.97

Motion by Mr. Asay second Mr. Pillion.

Mr. Silver	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Asay	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mayor Biggs	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes		

Approve a resolution authorizing the abandonment of the Crown Victoria as being of no future use to the Borough.

Motion by Mr. Asay second Mr. Silver.

Mr. Silver	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Asay	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mayor Biggs	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes		

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

George Schmidt: With regard to the signs on the Water Tower gate, would it be possible to have a common language sign and the companies add their logos to the sign instead of having a lot of signs on the gate?

Adopt Resolution 2014 – 68, entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. There being no items for executive session therefore this resolution was not acted on.

Motion by Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Silver to adjourn this meeting. Unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellie Rogalski, RMC/MMC

Items of Interest:

- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 6:15 PM held at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Planning Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 6:30 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is **Thursday**, November 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education building, Forest Hills Parkway, Bayville.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ **All borough offices will be closed** on Thursday, November 27, 2014 **and** Friday, November 28, 2014 in observance of Thanksgiving.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 6:15 PM held at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Planning Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 6:30 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education building, Forest Hills Parkway, Bayville.
- ❑ **All borough offices** will be **closed** on Thursday, December 25, 2014 in observance of Christmas.
- ❑ **All borough offices** will be **closed** on Thursday, January 1, 2015 in observance of New Year's Day.

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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