

Mayor and Council Newsletter



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Official Meeting Minutes

December 16, 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	T. Gannon, Esq.

The Mayor and Council recognize Salvatore DiSalvo, Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 29 in Toms River for the construction of a new bookcase for the children's section of the library.

Member of the Rotary Club of Toms River presented checks to both the Island Heights Fire Com. and the Island Heights First Aid Squad as part of their annual donation from Sailfest.

Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance 2014-07 entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER XXVI ENTITLED "TREES" IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY, DUPLEX, MULTI-FAMILY OR COMMERCIAL BUILDING

After a lengthy discussion the following motion to table any further action on this ordinance indefinitely, with discussion to continue early in 2015.

Motion by Mr. Asay second Mr. Bendel.

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

Motion to close the discussion on Ordinance 2014-07, made by Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Silver, unanimous voice vote.

Adopt Resolution 2014-77 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, OCEAN COUNTY PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS CONTAINED IN THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

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 2014-78 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		

Adopt Resolution 2014-80 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING THE MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2015.

Motion by Mr. Silver second Mr. Berglund.

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

Approve obligations chargeable to the 2014 operating budget as presented.

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		

1. Approve the following purchase order request(s):

Requesting Dept.: Public Works
 Vendor: Bobby Bobcat, Inc.
 Item/Service: Delivery of 5 loads of fill, 1 load of top for Camp Meeting Bluff Stabilization
 Total: \$1,575.00

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		

Requesting Dept.: Public Works
 Vendor: Bobby Bobcat
 Item/Service: Excavation services for Senior Park retention project
 Total: \$1,200.00

Motion by Mr. Berglund second Mr. Silver.

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

Requesting Dept.: Municipal Court

Vendor: JM Security
 Item/Service: Security System
 Total: \$550.00 – Installation
 \$27.00 per month – Monitoring

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		

O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates re: Approve Proposal for Services #14130.00 for Jaynes Avenue Road Improvements, 2014 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program in the amount of \$15,100.00 (Phase 1-5) and \$15,900.00 (Phase 6)

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		

O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates re: Water Treatment Plant Replacement, OS&A #11047.00, Contract Modification No. 12, increases in the amount of the contract of \$13,268.81(increasing the total contract to \$2,177,601.01) and extends the contract to April 30, 2015.

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		

O'Donnell, Stanton & Associates re: Water Storage Tank Replacement, OS&A #1048.00, Modification No. 5, increases in the amount of the contract of \$16,283.68 (increasing the total contract to \$1,281,896.68) and extends contract date to April 30, 2015.

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		

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve the minutes from the November 13, 2014 Meeting and the November 26, 2014 Special 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		

*Abstain on 11/26

**Abstain on 11/13

A lengthy discussion was held regarding tabling the approval of the 2015 Sailfest application and how to prevent the problems that occurred at this year's Sailfest with unsupervised minors.

Rotary Club of Toms River re: Sailfest 2015 approves the following request:

Approve the Date: Sept. 12, 2015; signage that has been used in the past, and the closing of Central Avenue Dock.

Motion by Mr. Bendel second Mr. Berglund.

Mr. Silver	Yes	Mr. Pillion	No
Mr. Asay	No	Ms. Snow	No
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Mayor Biggs	Abstain
Mr. Berglund	Yes		

As a result of the vote, the request for approval will be revisited at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Berglund updated the governing body regarding a seminar that he had attended on November 14th on how to be successful at writing grant applications. The seminar suggested working and developing the project(s) and then to go looking for grants that fit the project(s). Mr. Berglund updated the governing body regarding the Camp Meeting Bluff Project, backfilling has been completed. The grasses have to be planted and photographed by the end of the year, as per the grant.

Mr. Berglund updated the governing body regarding the Safe Routes to Schools Grant applications. The Borough had submitted three (3) applications. We received word on Thursday that the DOT wanted to fund all three (3) applications but could not. So, the three (3) applications were condensed into one (1) application. This application was submitted to the DOT for approval, if approved, the application, will be forwarded to Washington for further consideration.

Mayor Biggs commended Mr. Berglund, Mary Judge, Betsy Hyle and all those who worked hard during his administration to get grants to improve the Borough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Asay: Thanked Mayor Biggs for his five decades of service to the community, and that it had been a pleasure to serve under him. Mr. Asay wished Mayor Biggs Godspeed in his retirement efforts.

Mr. Bendel: Mayor Biggs and I were once political opponents, and said that you didn't believe in plaques because we had too many in this town. I have a plaque from the U.S. Navy Band conferring upon you the title of "Mayor Emeritus".

Ms. Snow: Thanked Mayor Biggs being a good Mayor and a good neighbor her parents. She thanked Mayor Biggs for his concern and support for her and her family. Ms. Snow proposed that that a tree is planted in honor Mayor Biggs.

Mr. Pillion: Thanked Mayor Biggs for his many years of service, and for the history he's imparted to me.

Mr. Berglund: Wished Mayor Biggs well, he also noted that he enjoyed working and learning from Mayor Biggs,

Mr. Silver: Thanked Mayor Biggs for everything he has done and appreciated his wisdom. Mr. Silver announced that CFO, Louis Palazzo, has submitted a letter of resignation dated Nov. 17th, 2014 effective February 1, 2015. Mr. Palazzo will assist in the transition up to February 1st, 2015. On behalf of the Borough we wish him well. Record will reflect that Mr. Silver gave the Clerk the CFO's letter of resignation.

Mayor Biggs: Mr. Palazzo made the office of the CFO accessible. Even with our differences, I've had a good time working with the various Council Members during my term in office. It has been a pleasure working with everyone. I also want to thank Ellie Rogalski, our Municipal Clerk, for her cooperation and work as Clerk. I appreciate this town.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Extended to the following:

Mr. Lenox: Congratulated Mayor Biggs on his retirement.

Adopt Resolution 2014 – 79, entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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		

Meeting was reconvened on a motion by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Silver, unanimous voice vote.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mr. Bendel second Mr. Silver, unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted, Ellie Rogalski, RMC/MMC

Items of Interest:

- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ **All borough offices** will be **closed** on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 in observance of Lincoln's birthday.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 6:15 PM held at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- ❑ **All borough offices** will be **closed** on Monday, February 16, 2015 in observance of Washington's birthday.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 19, 2015 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, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

FREE RABIES CLINIC - Saturday, January 31, 2015 From 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM at Island Heights Public Works Building, Corner of Lake and Laurel Avenues

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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