

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights was called to order by Mayor Silver. Mayor Silver 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 20, 2014 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 Asay	Present	Councilmember Snow	Present
Councilmember Bendel	Present	Councilmember Thompson	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Present	Mayor Silver	Present
Councilmember Pillion	Present	Attorney Mc Gill	Present

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-36 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX BILLS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 ET SEQ was made by Mr. Berglund second by Ms. Snow.

Mayor Silver stated that due to the budget not being adopted in time we are doing estimated property tax bills to keep the revenue flowing. Also due to the transition of CFO's since January is another reason the budget was not completed in a timely manner.

Mr. Barry Constantine asked what the budget issues are. Mayor Silver stated that we are experiencing a deficit in the budget and the time to go through each department's budgets. Mr. Constantine asked if there are specific issues. Mayor Silver said no it is just delayed due to the CFO just coming on board. He further stated that we did introduce the budget at the last meeting but we need to make amendments due to the storm damage from the storm a couple of weeks ago we have road damage on Garden Ave. and washed out some bulk heads. This delays the process again because we have to amend the introduction of the budget and re-advertise it.

Mr. Asay asked if we are saying that we are not going to have a second or final hearing on our budget on June 23rd. Mayor Silver said no we are pushing it further due to the amendment. Mr. Asay asked if on June 23rd we are introducing the budget. Mayor Silver said yes. Further discussion was held on the temporary budget by Mayor and Council.

Mr. Asay asked that this item to approve the mailing of tax bills. Ms. Prior explained that they are estimated since the budget is not adopted and to be able to pay the County and School taxes it is necessary to do estimated bills. Further discussion was held on estimated tax bills by Mayor and Council and how they are calculated.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Asay	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes	Ms. Thompson	Absent
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-37 entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS APPROVED PRIOR TO THE FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET was made by Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Asay.

Diane Cullen asked where on the agenda is the issue of the water and sewer which is the reason most of us are in attendance tonight. Mayor Silver stated it is not on the agenda tonight and the second reading is scheduled for June 23rd. Mary Pabst asked if the water and sewer ordinance could still be explained even though it is not on the agenda. Mr. Nordheimer asked how long will this take and maybe you could cut short the agenda and go to this. Ms. Cullen asked if someone could make a motion to dispense with the ordinary and traditional reading of the agenda to go to privilege of the floor and discuss the water and sewer ordinance. Mr. Bendel said he will make that motion. Ms. Prior asked that we finish this resolution before having another motion.

Brian Gabriel asked in regards to the budget that it was stated that we have to go through the process due to the storm damage and need to find additional funds. Mayor Silver said yes. Mr. Gabriel asked what happens if in two weeks we are hit with another natural disaster again is the budget going to be delayed again. Mayor Silver said yes. Mr. Gabriel said at some point you have to adopt a budget. Mayor Silver said then we would have to go to State funding methods if this continues to happen.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Asay	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes	Ms. Thompson	Absent
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to suspend the regular agenda and to open privilege of the floor was made by Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Asay. Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mayor Silver explained that the CFO reviewed our financials said that we are in a deficit of \$110,000. As the CFO explains we need to make up this deficit which in part came about when the surcharge was decreased from \$89 to \$74; the project for the Water Tower and Treatment Plant went from \$3 million is now almost \$4 million. The CFO and Auditor were asked to come up with a solution for us and the CFO is very knowledgeable and reviewed the calculations and that is why we are doing the water and sewer increase. Mayor Silver stated that he and Mr. Asay met with the Auditor and Borough Attorney to see if there was another solution. As of today he has not heard back from the Auditor but will reach out to him again. Mayor Silver further explained the NJEIT payments due for the new Water Tower and Treatment Plant and his calculations. Mayor Silver stated that we are also in the process of hiring another CFO who he is going to ask to review the water/sewer budget and see if these increases are necessary and correct.

Mr. Nordheimer asked in two weeks what action you will be presenting and taking. Mayor Silver stated that he is hoping for a new solution. Mr. Nordheimer suggested put a fact sheet out with a history and what we are facing today. Mayor Silver said yes once the new CFO is in place. Ms. Cullen asked what the solution was. Mr. Constantine asked what exactly is in Ordinance 2015-03. Mayor Silver said that for a 5/8" meter it is going from \$23 to \$69. Ms. Cullen said why the other rates being raised if raising the surcharge you can make up the difference. Mayor Silver said that is what I am going to address with the new CFO. Mr. Constantine said then those numbers don't count. Mayor Silver said yes.

Cathi Yayac asked how long the residents will be paying the surcharge. Mayor Silver said 18 years which is what is left on the loan. Mr. Nordheimer said wasn't it originally a two year loan. Mayor Silver said no it was always a 20 year loan. Brian Hall asked with all the mistakes that other people made and another change order, how could so many mistakes be made. Mr. Hall further stated that originally when he was on Council he was part of the initiate to replace the just the Water Tower and it was different than what is being built today. Further discussion on issues with errors, costs and if anything can be done via litigation to recoup some of the expenses of the Water Tower and Water Treatment Plant between Mayor Silver, Council, and members from the public.

Mr. Rosenfeld said that the questions being asked are important ones however there is a bill to pay and we need to find a way to pay the bill. The better questions are three parts; the Water Treatment Plant is over budget, an operating short fall of \$110,000 and the budgeting errors are irresponsible. Mr. Rosenfeld said do you have a performance bond on the project? Mayor Silver said yes and further discussion was held on whether the funds can be held. Ms. Cullen asked if they are withholding payment from the contract. Mayor Silver said no only if we are not satisfied with the completed project. Attorney McGill advised Mayor Silver not to get into litigation prospects it is inappropriate.

Mr. Bendel said there was a suggestion at the last meeting to create a timeline and report on exactly what happened so that everyone could see and know what was happening. Mr. Bendel said the Borough is looking for someone who could work at home with information provided by the Borough should contact the Mayor or himself.

Mr. Nordheimer asked if they would consider higher rates as a short term measure and then they would be reimbursed to the users when the performance bond money comes through. Mayor Silver said it wouldn't be reimbursed. Attorney McGill explained that a performance bond is to cover the work of the contractor and there may not be any issues with the contractor's work and that as far as this can go due to pending litigation. Mayor Silver said you are looking at money that we may or may not have access to.

Mr. Gabriel stated that at prior meetings it was asked if there was a bond in play for the engineer and the answer was no. Mayor Silver said that there is an error's and omission insurance and I think that is what you are referring to. Mr. Gabriel said that it was asked about a bond several meetings ago to recoup some of the deficit that we are now facing and everybody seemed to think it was no due to the bankruptcy of the previous engineers. Mayor Silver said both CMX and Birdsall are both out of business. Attorney McGill said they are appointed by the Borough and does not think they have to have a bond. They do have insurance policies which is where you would go and this cannot be discussed due to pending litigation. Further discussion was held on being able to get answers and accountability was held by Mayor Silver, Mr. Hall, Mr. Gabriel and Ms. Cullen.

Mr. Nordheimer asked if there is a deadline where you have to act on this regardless of public input because of finances. Mayor Silver said financially we have to come to a solution and the new CFO is going to be asked to look into this. Mr. Nordheimer asked when the budget deadline is. Mayor Silver said the amended budget will be introduced at the June 23rd meeting and adopted at the July meeting. Further discussion held on the CFO history of Island Heights and status of the budget process by Mr. Pillion and Mayor Silver. Mr. Pillion said that he and Mr. Asay voted no for the Ordinance to raise the rates however if you can find a way to not need that much money going forward you can always introduce an Ordinance to lower the rates which is what we would like to do but we still have to pay the debt. Mr. Nordheimer said that interest rates are a historical low right now and extending the bond issue doesn't dump on the current population and is there anything standing in the way of doing this? Mayor Silver said it is an option to discuss with the new CFO. Ms. Cullen said what about talking directly to the lender; you don't need the CFO to do that do you? Mayor Silver said yes when it comes to the finance end of it we do. Discussion was held by Ms. Cullen and Mayor Silver regarding the origins of the \$110,000 deficit. Mr. Rosenfeld said this is an operating deficit and Mayor Silver said yes.

Mayor Silver said he is hoping to find a better financial solution to this deficit. Mike Frankovich asked if Council is going to put together a fact sheet. Mayor Silver said yes that is what Mr. Bendel wants help to produce that. Mr. Frankovich said that this started at \$1.9 million for just the Water Tower and then the Water Treatment Plant was added on and we need to look at what was done so everyone can understand and have a fact sheet explaining it. Mr. Pillion said we asked for that at the last meeting because this was all done by the prior Council since most of Council is new. Mr. Pillion said that an executive summary is needed.

Susan Slack stated that she was very happy with the water quality as far as washing hands and clothes but please work on the rates. Ms. Snow stated that she is happy to see so many residents attending the meeting but just as all this information is being thrown at the audience was the same for them when they became Council Members. Further explanation by Ms. Snow regarding the information Council has received the deluge of papers regarding the Water Tower and Water Treatment Plant. Mayor Silver stated that the project is 99% complete. The Plant is making water and the old tower is down and at this point it is just a matter of tidying up and the numbers were given to us by the CFO and we are all digesting it too.

Mr. Asay stated that for everyone's education this CFO issue is absolutely critical and has put us behind the eight ball and all of us have learned how important this position is. Mr. Asay said there are stylistic differences between CFO's and that is why this ordinance is in front of us although we are not voting on it tonight. Further discussion held by Mr. Asay how CFO's handle budget lines. Mr. Asay said we are facing big increases in the base amounts and the surcharge however this CFO is stepping aside and the Mayor is seeking another professional who will hopefully find another path to get us out of this situation. Mr. Asay feels that it is unacceptable. Mayor Silver said we have to go forward in a timely manner and that is why this was presented.

Mr. Frankovich asked about the deadline from the State and is that date the 24th. Mr. Pillion said no the statute says Feb. 15th. Mr. Frankovich asked what the hard deadline is. Mr. Pillion said he is not aware of that date. Mr. Frankovich said then you don't have to act on this ordinance to comply with the budget rule. Mr. Pillion said if we have to raise money and it relates to operating the water system then we have to do it by raising rates. Mr. Frankovich said he did not understand why this was not put into the taxes. Mayor Silver said that as the loan gets paid down then the surcharge will decrease.

Ben DeFonzo stated that everyone is going to be paying the same surcharge it depends on the size of the meter so the 5/8" is \$23 and going up to \$69. What is the average pipe size going into the house? Mr. Berglund said it is not the size of the pipe going into the house but the size of the meter that the rates are based on. Mr. DeFonzo said so basically most will have the 5/8". Mr. Berglund said a great percentage are going to be 5/8".

Ms. Pabst asked if you have two meters. Mayor Silver said the irrigation meters are broken out separate. Mr. Pillion said the surcharge only applies to one meter however the rate is going to apply to both. Further discussion on how irrigation meters are billed.

Mr. Hall asked if the commercial rate is going to be the same. Ms. Prior explained that we do not have any commercial rates. Mr. Rosenfeld asked what the next step is. Mayor Silver said it is to get the CFO in place and to review the water and sewer budget and craft a new plan. Mr. Rosenfeld said we will get an answer from Mayor and Council as to why we are facing these issues? Mayor Silver said yes.

Mr. Nordheimer said he is not clear to what the issue is to extend the loan from 20 to 30 years. Mayor Silver said it is just like a mortgage on your house. Mr. Pillion said it is a state entity that gives us this loan, NJEIT, we have this loan that may not have a 30 year term we are not sure and whether or not they will allow us to extend it to a 30 year. Mr. Nordheimer said your CFO can look into this. Mayor Silver said yes.

Betsy Hyle asked if we have different rates for residential and commercial. Mayor Silver said no the rates are the same. Mr. Pillion said that we discussed this and there are not enough commercial users that give any more increase of revenue by any significant amount to justify doing this. Mr. Asay said the base rate allows 7,000 gallons of usage so if a commercial user was a heavy user they would be billed by the gallon so they are paying additional if they are a heavy user.

Ms. Cullen said it seems as if expectations are high on the person coming into the position of CFO and possibly the ordinance should be withdrawn until they have more time to do research on this matter and come up with a solution. Mayor Silver said the new CFO will work with what we have in place here.

Mr. Bendel suggested that we continue with our regular meeting so those who want to stay can and those who would like to leave may do so.

Motion to return to the regular meeting was made by Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Asay. Unanimous Voice Vote.

Motion to approve the membership of Dean Licata to the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Co was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Bendel.

Mayor Silver asked Chief Parks if he is a resident. Chief Parks said no he is from Gilford Park.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Asay	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes	Ms. Thompson	Absent
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve the following purchase orders was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Berglund:

Requesting Dept: Police

Vendor: Innovative Data Solutions, Inc.

Item/Service: Power DMS Subscription 1/4/15-1/3/16

Total: \$2,575.00

Requesting Dept: Public Works
 Vendor: G.P. Jager & Associates
 Item/Service: Chlorine Briquettes
 Total: \$2,857.44

Mayor Silver asked Lt. Arnold to explain what the Power DMS Subscription was. Lt. Arnold stated that it is our logging system for our training in case of a lawsuit, etc. Mayor Silver said the chlorine briquettes are used in the water treatment plant. Mr. Berglund stated we get 30 days and they are the reason for the quality of the water we have and they precipitate out the iron. Mr. Asay asked how long they last. Mayor Silver said that this is part of the water/sewer operating costs and they last about 30 days. Mr. Asay asked if we have worked out our storage issue for the chlorine. Mayor Silver said no we have budget issues at this time. Debbie Brick asked if we had the chlorine briquettes before. Mayor Silver said no we used solar salt and gas chlorine containers. Mr. Berglund said the chlorine gas was used to disinfect the water and was put in at the end and that was the chlorine taste that you may have had in your faucet. Mayor Silver said that was the old system and it was like a water softening system. Further discussion was held on the positive aspects of the new system compared to the old one by Mayor and Council.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Asay	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes	Ms. Thompson	Absent
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve the obligations chargeable to the 2015 Temporary Operating Budget was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Bendel.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Asay	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes	Ms. Thompson	Absent
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Mayor Silver asked the Lt. Arnold about use of the Central Avenue Dock in the past. Lt. Arnold said it has been used in the past for Sailfest by the Ocean County Parks. Ms. Hyle said we just used it last weekend for the pontoon during the Barnegat Bay Festival and it goes well. Ms. Hyle asked if this is public access. Mayor Silver said this is something that we have to revisit the public access points in town and we have to implement it. Mr. Pillion said we have a local ordinance allowing private recreational vehicles to tie up to the west side of the Central Avenue pier. Further discussion was held on the ordinance for Central Avenue pier and the DEP. Ms. Hyle said that Captain Mike has been running this vessel for many years and is extremely safety conscious. Mr. Asay asked where the cruise originates. Ms. Hyle said she isn't sure but it is kept at Cattus Island. Mr. Bendel said that is where it originates is Cattus Island.

Motion to approve request for use of Central Avenue Dock by Ocean County Parks and Recreation on June 24th, 2015 from 6pm-8pm and August 26th, 2015 11am to 1pm for "Bay Cruiser" pontoon cruises to the New Corner Deli was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Pillion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Asay	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes	Ms. Thompson	Absent
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve Social Affair Permit (ABC) for the Peto Museum on July 2nd, 2015 5pm to 11pm, at the Island Heights Yacht Club was made by Mr. Berglund second by Ms. Snow.

Mr. Pillion explained that this is an annual fundraiser in conjunction with an A-Cat Race that generally is held off the Island Heights Yacht Club. In prior years they have had this after race barbeque at the Peto Museum with tents but last year due to weather concerns we held it at the Yacht Club and they have graciously offered us use of the facility again this year and eliminates the weather issues. Mr. Pillion has spoken to Lt. Arnold about providing police coverage and he will be providing the coverage.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion to approve Change Order #6 for Caldwell Tanks Inc. for demolition of existing standpipe in the amount of \$20,725.44 and 6" Dual Line Stop in the amount of \$6,178.10 for a total of \$26,903.54 was made by Mr. Berglund second by Mr. Bendel.

Mr. Asay asked if the amount was incorrect, was it over by \$6,178.10. Mayor Silver said no the number approved in March was wrong for the Dual Line Stop at \$5,105.87. Mayor Silver said and it should have been \$6,178.10 and the dollar amount for the demolition stays the same.

Mr. Rosenfeld asked if the \$6,178.10 was the difference in the price of the scrap metal. Mayor Silver said no, that there are two items here, the \$20,725.44 for demolition of the standpipe and the \$6,178.10 for the old mains in Van Sant that fed the old water tower. A contractor had to come while the lines were under pressure, because we have no valves in the road to stop the water flow. Mr. Rosenfeld said this is totally different. Mr. Berglund said that this is what was required to cut away the old tower from the system. Mr. Rosenfeld said then this has nothing to do with the price of scrap metal. Mr. Berglund said not the line stop. Mr. Rosenfeld said that is not what was explained a few

minutes ago and we didn't know that was required when this originally done. Mayor Silver said there are so many mains and lines done in town that were run in all directions that they thought they found them all but they didn't. Mr. Rosenfeld said who gave us the estimate for the \$20,725.44. Mayor Silver said there are two numbers here for approval the demolition and the dual line stop. Mr. Rosenfeld asked why we didn't know this. Mr. Berglund said the drawings were not accurate.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Asay	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes	Ms. Thompson	Absent
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2015 meeting was made by Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Asay.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Asay	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes	Ms. Thompson	Absent
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Old Business/Committee Reports:

Mr. Bendel – No Report

Mr. Berglund stated that Public Works personnel do work for private individuals and they get selective service. Mr. Berglund said that Mr. Rosenfeld brought it to his attention with his issue with the sewer line where Public Works will go onto private property to resolve an issue with the sewer. Mr. Berglund said that this had him thinking if we are really interested in tax payers subsidizing the use of our people to work on private property. Mr. Rosenfeld said he agrees with the concept although this is not a good example. Mr. Rosenfeld said they poured so much water into the main and the water never came out of the main so Public Works is of the opinion that the problem is not in our sewer line but in the main. Mr. Rosenfeld said he would not expect anyone else to pay for a problem in his sewer line if he is responsible but the problem is in the main sewer line and totally appropriate that they would do the work. Mr. Bendel asked if we have any other examples of this. Mr. Berglund said we will go in and jet lines that are plugging due to roots in various parts of the town. Mr. Bendel said when he first bought his house the previous owner left him a note telling him to call Public Works in regards to any issues with the sewer. Mr. Bendel said that the town was the only alternative on a Sunday to come unplug the line. Mr. Bendel would like to know how many people or calls they get. Mayor Silver said it is a courtesy that has been going on for many years. Mr. Bendel said the question is how much does this cost us. Mayor Silver said it is man hours, trucks, material and use of equipment. Mr. Berglund said also scheduling. Mayor Silver said that we are responsible for the main to the clean out at the curb if any blockage or issues from the cleanout to the house it is the homeowner's responsibility but we have always done this courtesy. Ann Kempton said she understands what they are saying but remember that Island Heights is unique and not all sewer lines go to the curb and explained her situation with her sewer line goes to her neighbors and not the curb and it is the town's responsibility. Mr. Rosenfeld said if you think we have a problem with the water tower wait until we get to the pipes. Mr. Hall stated that the lift station at Bay and Dermitt failed, both pumps failed; don't have the flow; it backs up into someone's house; Public Works takes the water jet into the manhole to get everyone flowing because it was a stoppage due to poor pump maintenance and one of those towelette's. Mr. Hall agrees with Ms. Kempton that this is Island Heights and if your toilet is not flushing and they can go to the manhole and blow it out that is what we should do. Mayor Silver said that is fine it is when the problem occurs from within the house to the curb. Further discussion was held on the lift stations and judgment calls made by Public Works. Mr. Berglund said that they have been trying to schedule the main work on Simpson Avenue for the installation of the water main. Mayor Silver said yes they need to get focused on this main and that is what Mr. Berglund was saying that we need to focus on this project. Mr. Pillion said that sometimes there is a root that is causing the backup in the main line and it is proper for us to be called in to fix it. Further discussion on issues with sewer lines and with Mr. Rosenfeld's property.

Mr. Asay stated that he has a meeting on June 18th with Mary Judge, her committee and Mr. Cocco regarding the tree ordinance and his experience with the ordinance; what changes he may think is necessary. Mayor Silver said the Community Forestry Plan was drafted. Mr. Asay said there were simple edits but nothing in there that would scare anyone.

Mr. Pillion gave a report on the calls that the Island Heights Fire Co. has been responding to such as when we had the storm and they assisted 8 motorists that were stranded in the flooding along with Toms River Fire Co. They also were first on scene with their rescue boat for a person who jumped off the Mathis Bridge and also responded to two structure fires in Toms River. They have a very strong reciprocal agreement with Toms River Fire companies so that when we need help they respond in kind. In the past month the Island Heights Fire Co. used two structures in town to perform drills, and have sent members to the Ocean County Fire Academy for training in flash over simulators; to learn protective measures and to recognize flash over situations. Mr. Pillion also stated that they spend 60% of their time in fundraising and on June 27th is one of their biggest fundraisers, Summerbrew. Encourages everyone to go, the cost of the ticket is \$30 now and \$35 at the door. It is a great event with live music, a wide variety of beers to chose from, soft drinks, hamburgers, hotdogs and clams. The Island Heights Fire Co. sadly lost one of their longtime members of 47 years and treasurer for 35 years, Bob Parks.

Mr. Pillion stated that he is going to give a quick summary of the Police Blotter that is also available for press if they want it. Mr. Pillion said that they police department is engaged in a wide variety of situations from helping a woman who dropped her keys in between the boards at the Boardwalk to some serious calls such as a heroine arrest. The Police are really facing a wide spectrum of incidents in town some where they can be helpful and some are very serious crimes. We need to keep in mind, that although we like to think of Island Heights as a small simple village, we are not immune to the influences of the bigger towns that surround us and the problems that they happen to have.

Ms. Snow asked how you can get tickets to the Summerbrew. Mr. Pillion said any Friday night around 7pm there are firemen there cleaning and maintaining equipment or from any fireman.

Privilege of the Floor:

Betsy Hyle would like to thank the Mayor and Council for hosting the Barnegat Bay Festival; it was the largest one we have ever had. Ms. Hyle also thanked Public Works for all their help with the field and providing the trash cans. Ms. Hyle also said that the parking at the field behind the tennis courts worked out fine. Ms. Snow said that the crowd was very interested and responsive to information that was available at the festival. Ms. Pabst said that she was very impressed with all the great kid activities that were there.

Ms. Yayac asked for the Mayor and Council to look into instituting an invasive plant ordinance and gave the Mayor two ordinances from other towns.

Ron Totams stated that he has an issue with the way the Code Enforcer handled a supposed incident at his house in regards to running a business from his garage, a car lift and license plates on his wall; but more importantly the manner in which he conducted himself and upsetting both himself and his wife. Mayor Silver said he will address his complaint with the Code Enforcer. Mr. Totams said he thinks he went above and beyond his authority and that is the point he wants to make. Ms. Pabst asked what he actually checks because there is a boat on the property next door to her that is filled with dirt and water. Ms. Snow said that Mr. Cocco is in the office on Monday Evenings 6pm – 8pm. Further discussion is held on what Mr. Cocco is responsible for and to bring to his attention for him to check it out.

Ms. Brick asked about an ordinance in the Borough for dumpsters in the front yard of a property. Mayor Silver said yes. Ms. Brick said this house has been under construction for over ten years and the dumpster has been there for at least 6 years, although it was gone for Memorial Day weekend it is back now. Further discussion held on the dumpster and that the Ms. Brick should speak to Mr. Cocco about this matter.

Paul Smutz asked if there were any plans to renovate or update the playground by the Post Office he is looking to add swings to the area. Mayor Silver said we do not have much money in the account. Mr. Smutz said he may have access to funds outside of the town funds and wants to make sure he has permission to pursue it. Mayor Silver said we would need you to present something to us such as plans and has to conform to insurance regulations.

Mr. Pillion said that he had the opportunity to tour the fire house with Mr. Platt and was invited to introduce himself to the members at their meeting on June 3, 2015. Mr. Pillion stated that he advised them at that time about their budget appropriation which was reduced by 5% which is what was done across the board in the proposed budget. Mr. Pillion said that the fire company is in a Capital Building Fund Mode to build a new building at the fire company site that would cost less to operate going forward. Apparently they have problems with the foundation and sinking but also a huge room, which was used for fundraisers for many years, is expensive to maintain for heating, etc. Further discussion on how the firehouse does not have many options for fundraising and a more efficient building. Mr. Pillion said that they informed him that they cannot afford to lose any support to their operating income and he is asking to see if there is anything we can do to restore their money which Mr. Bendel and Mr. Asay are in favor. Mr. Pillion said as their liaison he is asking that we bring them back to the full funding.

Mr. MacNeal asked when the Comcast public hearing is scheduled. Mayor Silver said it is July 21st at 7pm. Mr. Pillion said if Mr. MacNeal would like to come in and discuss any aspects of the franchise renewal it would be welcome. Mr. MacNeal said that the Borough is entitled to four public access channels and we do not have one. Mr. MacNeal said his suggestion is that they should do it. Further discussion was held on what the Borough wants from Comcast. Ms. Snow said that she contacted the Island Heights Grade School to see if they have access to a public channel but at this point has not received the information.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2015 – 38, entitled, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL ISSUE was made by Mr. Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Asay.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Asay	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes	Ms. Thompson	Absent
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to close the executive session was made by Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Asay. Unanimous Voice Vote.

Motion to return to the Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Asay. Unanimous Voice Vote.

Motion to approve Peggy Gorman as Assistant CFO starting immediately with a salary of \$4,000 for the remainder of 2015 plus prevailing mileage rate and tolls was made by Mr. Asay second by Ms. Snow.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Asay	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes	Ms. Thompson	Absent
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to grant Officer Burns' unpaid leave until July 15, 2015 with a fitness for duty exam prior to returning to work was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Berglund.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Asay	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes	Ms. Thompson	Absent
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve Wendy Prior as Acting Municipal Clerk with a salary of \$5,200 was made by Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Asay.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Asay	Yes	Mr. Pillion	Yes
Mr. Bendel	Yes	Ms. Snow	Yes
Mr. Berglund	Yes	Ms. Thompson	Absent
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm was made by Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Asay. Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy J. Prior, Acting Municipal Clerk

Items of Interest:

- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 6:15 PM held at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Health** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 9:00 AM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, July 16, 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, July 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Health** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 9:00 AM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 6:15 PM held at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 20, 2015 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.

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