

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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MOMENT OF SILENCE & FLAG SALUTE STATE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

This meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Asbury Park Press on December 20, 2014; in addition a copy of said notice is posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Roll Call:

	Asay	Bendel	Berglund	Pillion	Snow	Thompson	Mayor Silver
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent							

Resolution 2015-84 Approving the minutes of August 18, 2015 Council Meeting and Executive Session

Public Comment: No comments.

Councilman Asay: Mayor before we vote, this is new language that says that we're approving minutes from our executive session. I don't believe that's part of the minutes that we were sent via email.

Mayor Silver: This is likely new language that the new clerk added. The council didn't receive minutes of that executive session.

It was discussed by Mayor and Council to remove approving the Executive Session Minutes.

Roll Call:

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel			x	
		Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
	x	Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Ordinance 2015-07 Amending Ordinance 2009-04(2nd reading)

Public hearing was opened on a motion by Mr. Asay and seconded by Mr. Bendel.

Public Comment: No comments

Councilman Thompson: Wants to make sure there are no new costs to the Borough in this Ordinance. Ms. Gorman, the CFO, confirmed that there were no new costs to the Borough.

Public hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Bendel and seconded by Mr. Asay. Unanimous voice vote.

Roll Call:

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
	x	Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Ordinance 2015-08 Amending Ordinance 2009-08(2nd reading)

Public Hearing was opened on a motion by Mr. Berglund and seconded by Mr. Bendel.

Public Comments: No comments.

Public hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Berglund and seconded by Mr. Asay. Unanimous Voice Vote.

Roll Call:

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
		Berglund	x			
	x	Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Ordinance 2015-09 Amending Ordinance 2010-06(2nd reading)

Public Hearing was opened on a motion by Mr. Bendel and seconded by Mr. Berglund

Public Comments: No Comments

Public hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Bendel and seconded by Mr. Asay. Unanimous Voice Vote.

Roll Call:

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
	x	Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2015-85 Adoption of 2015 Municipal Budget

Public Hearing was opened by Mr. Asay and seconded by Mr. Pillion

Ms. Gorman CFO: Town received two state grants that increased the budget, but they are offset by revenues for the grants. The first was Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$4,932.58 and the second is Alcohol Rehabilitation Education Grant in the amount of \$176.80. There was also some money moved inside the Cap and outside the Cap. Inside the Cap the Borough reduced the General Administration O/E by \$2,000.00. The budget was also reduced in the Municipal Clerk’s office salary by \$20,000.00 and increased the Clerk’s O/E by \$2,000.00. Outside the Cap, they reduced the Shared Services Agreement by Toms River by \$20,000.00 and increased the Shared Services Agreement with South Toms River by \$40,000.00.

Mr. Asay: Last fall we received a memo by the former CFO Lou Palazzo and he talked about a one-time revenue allowance of FEMA funds in the neighborhood of \$300,000.00 where it was discussed that it may not be the whole \$300,000.00 because it was being reduced by work that the Borough had already contracted etc. Is this money that was discussed in that memo?

Ms. Gorman: I don’t know anything about that memo but will look into it.

Mr. Asay: It is a concern because what Mr. Palazzo told them in that memo was that the state had agreed to allow us to take those funds as one-time revenue. If that is part of the revenue for this year it portends a potential shortfall for next year.

Mayor Silver: That occurred three CFOs ago so that was the crafting he was doing. The next CFO wrote the budget and Ms. Gorman is finalizing that budget.

Mr. Asay: So you don’t think those funds are in there?

Mayor Silver: No.

Mr. Asay: The money that we had appropriated or added as an emergency when we had that flash flood, that was later removed in an amendment? That was like \$10,000.00 that we amended the budget with thinking that we were doing to have to repair when the street washed out.

Mayor Silver: Is this for Garden?

Mr. Asay: Yes

Mayor Silver: Originally that was \$60,000.00 but that was taken out of the budget.

Ms. Gorman: It was taken out of operating entirely.

Mr. Pillion: I have one more question related to FEMA money. My understanding is that there was an amendment to the application.

Mayor Silver: The extension goes through to December 31, 2015.

Mr. Pillion: Is any of this anticipated revenue reflected in this budget?

Mayor Silver: No.

Mr. Pillion: Are there any changes to the capital budget that went out?

Ms. Gorman: No there were not.

Public Comments: No comments.

Public hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Berglund and seconded by Mr. Bendel. Unanimous Voice Vote.

Roll Call:

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x		Bendel	x			
		Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson		x		
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2015-86 Authorizing Borough Engineer to apply for the 2016 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program

Public Comments: No comment

Roll Call:

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	x	Asay	x			
x		Bendel	x			
		Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2015-87 Authorizing the hiring of Emily Falk as Administrative Assistant

Public Comments: No Comment

Mrs. Thompson: Is she a salary employee or an hourly employee?

Mayor Silver: Hourly.

Mrs. Thompson: In this resolution it refers to her salary?

Mayor Silver: It says level of hours and salary.

Mr. McGill: Just amend that to wage.

Mayor Silver: Her salary is \$12.50 per hour

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		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2015-89 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to solicit quotes for an appraisal of Park Ave, Block 61 Lot 3.01

Public Comment: No Comment

Mr. Pillion: Mr. Graziano is an appraiser?

Mayor Silver: Yes he is.

Mr. Pillion: It says Anthony Graziano, Inc. I am assuming he's an appraiser and that is why we are hiring him. How did we pick him?

Mayor Silver: Mr. Kostecki picked him because he has worked with him.

Mrs. Thompson: We're only obtaining one quote from Mr. Graziano?

Mayor Silver: I do not know if Mr. Graziano is the one to solicit and if he is going to reach out to other appraisers. We need three different appraisals.

Mr. McGill: This matter should be tabled until Mr. Kostecki has a chance to look at it.

Mayor Silver tabled Resolution 2015-89 until the next meeting.

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		Asay				
	x	Bendel				
x		Berglund				
		Pillion				
		Snow				
		Thompson				
		Mayor Silver				

Resolution 2015-90 Approval of September Bill List in the amount of \$360,377.82

Public Comment: No comment

Roll Call:

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x		Asay	x			
		Bendel	x			
	x	Berglund	x			
		Pillion	x			
		Snow	x			
		Thompson	x			
		Mayor Silver	x			

Resolution 2015-91 Requesting permission for the Dedication By Rider for Donations-Wanamaker Playground (Construction & Maintenance) required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

Ms. Thompson: Do we know how much money has been raised

Mayor Silver: No, he did not give a dollar amount. However the last time they collected approximately \$18,000.00.

Ms. Thompson: Any changes will be approved by the Mayor and Council?

Mayor Silver: Yes, this is just a door for them to proceed with the design process.

Ms. Snow: Is there a timetable for when the presentation will be?

Mayor Silver: No.

Mr. Asay: Mayor, if I could just question our attorney on this because I know we have done this before. This creates a pass through basically where the money comes through the borough and we buy whatever the materials turn out to be requested and work with them to erect it. Do we have to proceed this way?

Mr. McGill: This is essentially a donation to the borough. It has to go through this way for accounting purposes.

the Island Heights Fire Department. The IHYC presented that check at the Labor Day games.

Ms. Snow: Requested a tour of the Island Heights Grade School in order to give residents more information about what needed to be done at the school and why they were going for a referendum. The Superintendent extended an invitation to the Mayor and Council to tour the school at 5:30 pm on 9/9/2015 prior to the school board meeting at gym door.

Ms. Thompson: Is it possible for our Construction Code Official to join them on the tour of the school.

Mr. McGill: Does not think this is necessary and that the Mayor and Council cannot all attend the tour as it is a violation of the Sunshine Law.

Ms. Thompson: The Borough had \$1.357 million in collections, which was slightly less than 2014 where it was \$1.62 million. Bulkhead stenciling seems to be complete, which indicates no fishing/crabbing areas.

Ms. Thompson: A point of interest that in the NJ monthly magazine, they rated all towns in NJ and Island Heights came out #62 of top 100.

Privilege of the Floor:

Mary Judge: Would like on the agenda for the next meeting the approval of the first Five-Year Community Forestry Plan and she will email it to Mr. Kostecki. Ms. Judge also mentioned that Betsy Hyle cleaned up the library flower beds with the help of Jen from Department of Public Works and it looks great.

Motion was made by Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Berglund to adjourn the meeting at 8pm. Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy J. Prior, Deputy Clerk

Items of Interest:

- ❑ **All borough offices** will be **closed** on Monday, October 12, 2015 in observance of Columbus Day.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Health** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 9:00 AM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 6:15 PM held at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Planning Board** regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 6:30 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education building, Forest Hills Parkway, Bayville.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

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, are open Monday – Friday 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and Monday evening 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Finance & Purchasing are open Wednesday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Building Department & Fire Official, 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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