

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights was called to order. Notice of this meeting is 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 30, 2015, published on January 7, 2016 and is 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 Pillion	Present
Councilmember Bendel	Present	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Present	Councilmember Thompson	Present
		Mayor Silver	Present
		Attorney O'Connell	Present

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-52 Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2016 was made by Mr. Asay second by Ms. Thompson.

Roll Call Vote:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Abstain
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to adopt Ordinance 16-2 entitled, **FIXING AND DETERMINING ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS** was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Berglund.

Roll Call Vote:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-53 Approving the February 23, 2016 Bill list was made by Mr. Asay second by Ms. Thompson.

Roll Call Vote:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-54 Approving a Special Event application for the Ocean County Artists Guild for an Artisans River Market on June 5, 2016 was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Berglund.

Roll Call Vote:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Abstain	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-55 Approving Raffle Application 2016-1 for the Island Heights Cultural and Heritage Association DOE December 10, 2016 was made by Mr. Asay second by Ms. Thompson.

Roll Call Vote:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-56 Authorizing Parsons Brinckerhoff as Pre-qualified Consulting firm under New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Program was made by Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Asay. Mr. Berglund explained that in order to help facilitate paperwork and designs for entities that won the grant and were overwhelmed, the entities can now use the NJDOT approved firms

and the NJDOT will pick up the tab. Ms. Thompson asked what the cost of the engineer will be and Mayor Silver stated a maximum of \$15,000.

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-59 Approving Amy Guice and Josh Collins for Use of the Pavilion on May 14, 2016 was made by Mr. Asay second by Ms. Thompson.

Roll Call Vote:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-60 Urging the Banning of the Sale of “Puppy and Kitten Mill” Dogs and Cats from Pet Shops was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Bendel. Mr. MacNeal asked who the legislators were that are in favor of this. Mayor Silver said the Ocean County Freeholders and 30 different legislators are on it include local ones. Discussion was held on the impact of this on local pet shops.

Roll Call Vote:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-61 Approving Michael O’Donnell and the Toms River East Little League Giants for use of Memorial Field for the time period of March through June on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Pillion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-64 Approving Kevin Arnold and the Toms River Little League Phillies for use of Memorial Field for the time period of March through June on Thursday’s was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Pillion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-57 approving the Purchase Order Request for Jim Curley to repair garbage truck drivers side fuel tank and passenger mirror in the amount of \$1,943.36 was made by Mr. Berglund second by Mr. Asay.

Roll Call Vote:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-58 approving the Purchase Order Request for GTBM, Inc. for Info-Cop Agreement in the amount of \$1,050.00 was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Bendel.

Roll Call Vote:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve the 19th Annual Barnegat Bay Festival dates: June 1st and 2nd Tent Set-Up, June 4th Set-Up for Festival and June 5th Festival day along with approving Barnegat Bay Foundation Gala on June 3rd, pending paperwork, was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Berglund.

Roll Call Vote:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to accept with regrets and thanks the resignation of Officer Anthony Ringle effective February 10, 2016 was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Pillion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-63 Appointing Holman, Frenia, Allison as Municipal Auditors for 2016 was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Pillion.

Roll Call Vote:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Committee Reports:

Mr. Bendel stated that he missed the meeting on Monday Evening in regards to the budget. Mayor Silver said it was informal and paperwork will be forthcoming. Mr. Bendel stated that the Island Heights Fire Co. should be considered in the structuring of the Budget.

Mr. Berglund stated that there are contractors who are willing to look at the work that needs to be done with the sewer issue on Central Ave. and will see if any are interested in bidding on it. Mr. Berglund also said a letter has been sent to the Ocean County Northern Recycling Center from Mayor Silver requesting the estimated amounts needed for soil and wood chips for the Community Garden. He also said that the core group is working on obtaining the antique tractor group to plow and disc the ground along with getting the fence up and ready for the planting season.

Mr. Asay said that the Borough did adopt Ordinance 2001-03 for Comcast which memorialized our agreement. He is currently working on amending this with the Clerk and Comcast and hopes to have it ready for adoption within the next month or two. Mr. Asay also said in a follow up to the request from the Island Heights Fire Co. that he gave a copy to Mayor and Council of the budget from Toms River District #1 which will give everyone a sense of the dollars spent in the neighboring community compared to what we are spending.

Mr. Pillion stated that the Island Heights Fire Co. needs the support of the town in order to continue the fire protection for Island Heights. Mr. Pillion felt that it would be a good idea to have public meetings to inform the general public of the costs to run the fire department even with all volunteer members. He felt it is important to educate the public on this decision. Mr. Pillion also stated he met with Mr. Hall from Dillon's Creek Marina regarding an issue with the Township of Toms River proposing a boat ramp and how it will negatively impact a commercial ratable value. Further discussion was held with Mayor, Council and Mr. Hall.

Mr. Hall made a brief presentation regarding the dredging of Dillon's Creek and how improvements to Summit Ave. beach parking lot could eliminate this need with a few improvements. Further discussion was held on this by Mr. Hall and Mayor and Council.

Ms. Thompson stated that Paul Smutz is resigning from the Recreation Committee and wanted to thank him for his service and contribution to the Recreation Committee. Alan Fumo is taking the lead for the Recreation Committee at this time. Ms. Thompson further stated that there is a change in the next meeting date from March 8th, 2016 to March 9th, 2016 due to the school referendum vote on the 8th. Ms. Thompson also met with the CFO, Ms. Gorman who clarified the purchase order procedure and is working on the budget for 2016. Ms. Thompson also stated that the Island Heights Grade School is having an informational session on February 24, 2016 at 6:30PM in the gymnasium. She also stated that she received a 54% increase in school state aid however 54% of a small number still is a low amount for them.

Mayor Silver stated that he received a close out for the Water Tower from Caldwell Tanks for the final punch out list which is done and the cost is \$0.00. He also received from TKT for the water treatment plant the final payment voucher for release of retention in the amount of \$24,528.60 and the final punch out list and depending on the availability of funds this will be closed out. Mayor Silver also said that we are receiving a credit on our next Ocean County Utilities invoice in the amount of \$20,962.80. He also stated that we had an inspection by OCJIF of all our buildings including the Post Office and Library and only minor repairs are needed before they come out for re-inspection.

Privilege of the Floor

Melissa Wudzki, 108 Jaynes Ave. encourage all members of Council and the public to attend the Referendum Informational meeting at the Grade School.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2016 – 62, to enter into Executive Session was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Bendel.

Roll Call:

Council President Asay	Yes	Councilmember Pillion	Yes
Councilmember Bendel	Yes	Councilmember Snow	Absent
Councilmember Berglund	Yes	Councilmember Thompson	Yes
		Mayor Silver	Yes

Motion to adjourn the executive session was made by Mr. Asay second by Mr. Pillion. Unanimous Voice Vote.

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm was made by Mr. Bendel second by Mr. Asay. Unanimous Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy J. Prior

Items of Interest:

- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 17, 2016 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, March 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ **All borough offices** will be **closed** on Friday, March 25, 2016 in observance of Good Friday.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Health** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 9:00 AM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Planning Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 28, 2016 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.

<p>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.</p>

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Council Member John Bendel

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