

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2016

The Mayor led the Pledge to the flag and read the following meeting notice:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights is hereby 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.

Mayor Silver recognized the passing of Jimmy Ryan.

Lt. Kevin Arnold stated that after retiring from the State Police, he started his own very successful business; served on Council as Council President and filled in as Mayor when needed. He was a great guy.

Councilman Bendel stated that the first time he ran for office, it was with him and he still has the lawn sign; he was a great guy.

Roll Call:

Council President Asay	Councilmember Snow
Councilmember Bendel	Councilmember Thompson
Councilmember Berglund	Mayor Silver
Councilmember Pillion	Attorney O'Connell

	Asay	Bendel	Berglund	Pillion	Snow	Thompson	Mayor Silver	Atty O'Connell
Present		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent	x							

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 2016-103 Approving the minutes of April 12, 2016

The Motion is to table.

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

Resolution 2016-117 Approving the minutes of April 26, 2016

Councilwoman Thompson asked that the minutes be approved with an amendment requesting that Resolution 2016-106 reflect it was tabled. The Roll Call Vote proceeded with such amendment.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2016-112 Approving Katherine Palazzo use of Pavilion and the contiguous property on July 2, 2016

Public Comment

This approval is pending appropriate paperwork and insurance be provided

Roll Call

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

Resolution 2016-113 Approving Lotus Lounge Yoga to utilize One Wanamaker Complex for a class 8--9am and/or a sunset class 7--8pm from July- through August for 8 weeks total.

Public Comment
 Roll Call
 The motion is the Table

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

Resolution 2016-113 Approving Lotus Lounge Yoga to utilize One Wanamaker Complex for a class 8-9am and/or a sunset class 7--8pm from July- through August for 8 weeks total was TABLED

Resolution 2016-114 Approval of Bill List

Roll Call

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

Resolution 2016-115 Approving Clark/Madeo use of Pavilion and the contiguous property on July 21, 2016

Public Comment
 Councilwoman Thompson as this be approved contingent appropriate paperwork and insurance be provided

Roll Call

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

Resolution 2016-116 Accepting the resignation of Robert Snedden from the Island Heights Planning Board

Public Comment

Councilman Bendel stated that this is due to his traveling schedule.

Roll Call

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Silver appointed Robert Baxter as Alternate I on the Planning Board with a term expiring 12/31/2018. This is a Mayoral appointment and Council consent is not needed.

PURCHASE ORDER

Resolution 2016-118 Approving the Following Purchase Order
 Vendor: The Rodgers Group, LLC
 Item: OCPO Training Module
 Amount: \$1,452.00

Lt Arnold stated this is all training coordinated with the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office.

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

Mayor Silver acknowledged Maria Sessa from JCP&L

Maria Sessa stated they plan for reliability packages in the area and this will be expedited for the Borough. She attended an Emergency Preparedness conference and are working with key contacts for any preparations. Tree Trimming will start in the Borough in the month of May. If there are any concerns, Ms. Sessa asked that she be called. Contractors come in and make modifications, however keep in mind. Older trees may need to be topped to be cleared of the lines. The JCP&L website shows the way they are cleared. Any individual concerns can be processed through a work order on the website.

Councilwoman Thompson stated that there is a Tree cutting ordinance and that JCP&L should be held to the same standards of our residents. She stated that we are a unique town and that the age of our trees provide a unique character. If there is not an exemption for public utility companies such as JCP&L, they should be held to the same standard.

Maria Sessa stated that they would be working in the roadway and have never had that request but that she understood the uniqueness of the town.

Mayor Silver recognized Chris Theodos of Maser Consulting.

Chris Theodos stated the survey work is progressing for Park Avenue, in addition to deed work. Maser recently spoke with contractor for Central Avenue sewer improvements, and are scheduling a preconstruction meeting.

Mayor Silver stated the Borough recently received an email requesting a kick-off meeting for the Safe Routes to School grant project. This meeting anticipates to be on May 25th.

The Borough is currently having issues with the chlorine tablet system at the water treatment plant. It is caking up in the system and clogging the rail system and has been a constant maintenance system. The company who installed this, the warranty expired, and the current engineer is looking into a conversion system.

COUNCIL REPORTS

John Bendel stated that the Borough's Tree ordinance has never been enforced uniformly by any stretch of the imagination

Councilman Berglund: The Community Garden was fully . People are coming off the waiting list as spots open up. Also, so no favoritism is shown for the gardeners, a water meter will be installed and billed to Cultural and Heritage Association and will be deducted from the fees collected, and should relieve any concerns from residents on water usage. The money charged will not be more than the money received

A resident expressed concern on the latch, and requested a latch on the inside of the garden. Councilman Berglund stated he would look into it.

Elaina DeFanzo, 180 Ocean Avenue, expressed concern over receiving the Bill, since they are only the entity facilitating the program; they are not the ones using the water.

Mayor Silver stated that 10,000 gallons is only \$3.29.

Doug Platt stated that on May 23, 7pm, the Fire Company will have their next public meeting to find out more about their finances. He is also in the process of filing paperwork for Snow storm Jonas. The claim is about \$15,000 and if approved, the Borough would receive around \$11,000.

Will have new officers coming into town and will be enforcing summer visitors. They are also collecting email addresses for the Police Blotter. Only residents will be able to sign-up. The 5K over the weekend ran perfect and without injuries.

Councilwoman Snow is continuing to work on the Island Heights website, in addition to work with the Recreation Committee for the summer program. A resident asked about badges and stated the Borough is open on Monday nights as well as normal Borough hours.

Councilwoman Thompson will reach out to the zoning officer who is charge of tree permitting to address it and enforce is consistently. The total tax collection report for the month of April is \$405,000 and doesn't reflects taxes as of May 1.

Mayor Silver stated that the Borough Engineer attends the meeting once a month at no charge. He attended a grant meeting with Mr. Theodos and Kelsey Howard, the Grant Manager. At teh meeting, they discussed the search for finding funding for Dillon's Creek Marina through NJDEP Clean Water or NJEIT for something along the lines of a catch basket for the sand and rubble that goes into the waterway. The public boat dock has some bulkhead looking west, that is in need of repair, and looking into soil stabilization funds. Also, along Long Point, bulkheads were installed a few years ago and encompassed about 80% of long point. The Bulkhead never made it all the way around and water washing away the soil. We are looking at funding to complete the bulkhead and complete the park.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Elaine DeFanzo, 180 Ocean Avenue asked if there are plans to repave the road.

Mayor Silver stated he will reach out to the County Engineer, so see if they have intentions to repave the road after completing utility work, being it is a County road. The pump station on Lake ave, which sends the waste across the river, the Ocean County Utility Authority is looking to improve upon that and there may be more excavating.

Bob Martin, 9 Park Avenue, do we have any water or sewer lines that we can improve and follow along with?

Councilman Berglund stated the problem is typically they don't run the water, sewer and gas in the same trench.

Mayor Silver stated if funding is available for infrastructure and the lines are close to the trench, then we can see in each case.

Resolution 2016-123 Approving Executive Session for the purposes of contractual negotiation and personnel.

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

Councilman Bendel motioned to come back into Public Session, Seconded by Councilwoman Thompson and full Council consent.

Resolution 2016-119 Authorizing the hiring of Katherine Fenton-Newman as Administrative Assistant @ \$23/hr and 28 hours a week.

Public Comment
Roll Call

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

Resolution 2016-120 Accepting the resignation of Joseph Kostecki as Registrar

Public Comment
Roll Call

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

Resolution 2016-121 Appointing Katherine Fenton-Newman as Registrar of Vital Statistics

Public Comment
Roll Call

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

Resolution 2016-122 Authorizing the hiring of Michael Conrad, Stephan, Caruso and Anthony Famelio as Police Class II Officers at \$12.50

Public Comment
Roll Call

Mayor Silver requested this be tabled until next meeting.
The following motion is to Table

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

Resolution 2016-124 APPROVING A SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT FOR THE JOHN F. PETO STUDIO MUSEUM, INC. FOR JULY 1, 2016

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

Councilman Bendel motioned to adjourn, Seconded by Councilman Pillion and full Council consent. Upon full Council consent, the meeting was adjourned.

Municipal Clerk

Mayor Silver

Items of Interest:

- All Municipal Offices** will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day.
- The **Island Heights Planning Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- The **Island Heights Board of Health** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 9:00 AM held at the borough hall.
- The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 6:15 PM held at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education building, Forest Hills Parkway, Bayville.
- Summit Avenue Beach** opens Wednesday, June 22, 2016. Beach hours are 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily; recreational badges are required.
- The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- All Municipal Offices** will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2016 in observance of Independence Day.
- The **Island Heights Board of Health** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 9:00 AM held at the borough hall.
- The **Island Heights Planning Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, July 21, 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, July 26, 2016 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.

RECREATIONAL BADGES - LAST PRESALE DAY IS TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2016. PURCHASE BADGES NOW BEFORE THEY INCREASE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST.

The **Municipal Clerk's Office, Tax Collector & Water/Sewer Office**, are open Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM (**closed Friday**) 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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