

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2016

Mayor Silver read the following public meeting notice, followed by a salute to the flag:

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.

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				

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maria Sessa of JCP&L stated that there was a fallen tree that recently impacted approximately 10,000 customers. However, the majority of customers were brought back within a few minutes. Additionally, JCP&L released information on the STEM program, a grant-based program from \$500 to \$1,000 to support an initiative that an individual educator would like to teach their class. The link goes directly to the application. JCP&L recently attended projects and recently was how to create a circuit board. I was so encouraged by the knowledge, teamwork and how proud these kids were when completing their project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 2016-141 Minutes of Special Council Meeting May 24, 2016

The motion is to TABLE Resolution 2016-141

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

ORDINANCE

Ordinance 16-9

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 27 AND ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR THE PLANTING, GROWING AND/OR CULTIVATING OF BAMBOO (1st Reading)

Public Comment: none

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			

APPOINTMENT

Mayor Silver appointed Tanara Hall to the Environmental Commission and Green Team.

It was noted that this was at the request of the Environmental Commission and no Council consent is necessary.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2016-142 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Beachwood for the Administration and Enforcement of Construction Services Pursuant to the State Uniform Construction Act, N.J.S.A 52:27D-119, By the Beachwood Construction Inspection Department

Public Comment: none

The Municipal Clerk confirmed that this is a renewal of the current shared services agreement with Beachwood.

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 2016-143 Agreement to Renew Membership in the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Public Comment: none

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 2016-144 Authorizing an Application for Use of Pavilion and the Contiguous Property for Jessica Rauchbach on Sunday August 7, 2016.

Public Comment: none

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 2016-145 Approving a Social Affairs Permit for the Rotary Club of Toms River on September 10, 2016

Public Comment: none

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 2016-146 Approving Raffle License # 2016-2 for the Rotary Club of Toms River

Public Comment: none

Roll Call

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

Resolution 2016-147 Approving an Application to use County Roads for Sailfest on September 10, 2016
Public Comment: none
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			

Resolution 2016-148 Approving a Blue Light Permit for Island Heights First Aid Squad Member Heather Famelio
Public Comment: none
Roll Call

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

Resolution 2016-149 Authorizing the Artists' Guild onto Borough property for their program "Postcards from the Beach"
Public Comment: none
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 2016-150 Authorizing an Application for Use of Pavilion and the Contiguous Property for Lindsey Groh on Sunday September 4, 2016.
Public Comment: none
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 2016-151 Authorizing an Application for Use of Memorial/Wanamaker Field and Special Events Application for a Jazz Concert on Saturday, August 6, 2016.

Public Comment: The Municipal Clerk stated that the appropriate paperwork was not completed and as such, requested this be tabled until such time.

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 2016-152 Calling for Sensible Rules Under the Publication of Public Notices

Public Comment: Councilman Bendel requested the Council consider this resolution, as they have also supported it in the past. He stated that this is in response to the large amount of publication costs. He stated that politicians are scared of the Editorial pages of the newspapers and as such, many will not support this resolution to remove the mandate to publish in the newspapers. In this digital age, towns should be able to post on their website and that should suffice. The Councilman further stated that he requested the Ocean County Mayors Association to support this as well.

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 2016-153 Approval of June Bill List

Public Comment: none

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			

The Municipal Clerk reflected Councilman Pillion’s presence at the meeting.

PURCHASE ORDER

Resolution 2016-154 Approval of the following Purchase Order
 Vendor: HD Supply
 Amount:\$1,780.00
 Item: DPW parts and supplies

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Thompson: no report

Councilwoman Snow: no report

Councilman Pillion: The Office of Emergency Management has a meeting on June 15th at Borough Hall. The Fire Company is selling tickets to their annual Firebrew, which will be on June 25th. The Councilman recognized Doug Platt, OEM Coordinator, who mentioned that OEM will have a nuclear drill upcoming in August. The Councilman also recognized Lt. Arnold for a Police Report.

Lt. Arnold stated that the new officers are being caught up to speed and being productive.

Councilman Bendel:

As you know, the Island Heights Fire Company has appealed to the borough for financial help. They held at least three public meetings in which they clearly established the unprecedented overall need.

Because of the fire company Island Heights has not had to worry about fire protection for more than a century. We had better worry now because the figures show that something must change. And if this council does not step up, that unavoidable change will be entirely out of the borough's hands.

The fire company and each of its individual members have options. Virtually all of them mean the Borough of Island Heights will pay more -- much more -- for fire protection than is being requested. Worse, that protection will likely be inferior to what we have.

So the borough must act, and since the fire company is considering its options now, it is critical that we show our support now, this year, in this year's budget. Yet the 2016 budget includes no new help for the fire company. Nothing. The proposed budget funds every other need in town. The fire company's request was left to last. Oops. No more money. This budget is upside down. At best this is ill-advised. This budget must begin with the borough's prime responsibility -- public safety. Everything else should follow. That's why, without a substantial change, I will vote against this budget. I urge my fellow council people to do likewise. And I urge everyone in Island Heights who possibly can to attend the special budget meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, at 9:30 am.

Councilman Berglund: The Monarch butterfly project had a kickoff meeting. Milkweed was planted and fenced, and a water meter was also installed.

Privilege of the Floor:

Council President Asay: Echoed Councilman Bendel's sentiments, and further mentioned a news article, where the appellate Judge ruled in favor of churches being able to rent parking spaces.

Bob Horn, 9 Park Avenue, asked where the Budget fire company numbers are posted and when they will be shared?

Any Parks, Fire Company President, asked if we can give it out numbers without explanation, they may be taken out of context. Many numbers were shared during the public presentations.

Jill Burt, 117 Maplewood Avenue, asked for approval to run the tennis ball court into pickleball.

Council Member Snow motioned to approve the pickleball, seconded by Councilman Asay, and full Council consent.

Von Worthington, 37 Park Avenue, stated that if the Borough sells the property/road on Park avenue, then the part of the road would be cut off from the waterfront, and would not want to buy the road to only fix the bulkhead. They requested the Borough cease the process, and further stated they would enter into a legal process to stop the sale of the property.

A resident residing on 21 Bayview Avenue, stated that when the sale of Park Ave was originally discussed, we thought it was a buildable lot. Now, it looks like it is not a buildable lot; has low density. The road should be repaired for public access.

Stacey Krutchly, 11 Bayview Avenue, stated she enjoys the dead end and doesn't want it to be blocked or sold.

Paul Smith, 207 Ocean Avenue, stated that when her kids were little, they used the end of Park Avenue, and used to call it "Mickenzie Cove".

Seeing no other comments, Privilege of the Floor was closed.

Councilman Bendel motioned to adjourn, Seconded by Councilman Pillion, and full Council consent.

Adjournment at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Municipal Clerk

Mayor Jeffrey Silver

Items of Interest:

- ❑ The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Borough of Seaside Park, Town Hall on 7th Avenue, Seaside Park, New Jersey.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ **All Municipal Offices** will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2016 in observance of Labor Day.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Health** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 12, 2016 at 9:00 AM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:15 PM held at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Planning Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional School Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education building, Forest Hills Parkway, Bayville.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 27, 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.

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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