

Mayor and Council Newsletter



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Official Council Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2016

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.

Pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Council President Asay
 Councilmember Bendel
 Councilmember Berglund
 Councilmember Pillion

Councilmember Snow
 Councilmember Thompson
 Mayor Silver
 Attorney O'Connell

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting

A correction was made to the meeting minutes on page 7. The Halloween Parade was noted as starting at 10 a.m. when it actually started at 11 a.m. All votes on minutes are as amended.

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

3. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2016-230 Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the County of Ocean in Connection with the Community Development Block Grant Program

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			

Resolution 2016-231 Approving Fifth Amendment to PCS Site Agreement

Public Comment - None
Roll Call

PCS Site Agreement with T-Mobile is expiring. This would amend agreement to add 24/7 access to the site and also add a generator, if needed. Council asked for more information on generator.

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

Resolution 2016-232 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et.seq., for the Prosecutor’s Driving While Intoxicated Program

Public Comment - None
Roll Call

Councilwoman Thompson called attention to the Prosecutor’s letter which stated Ocean County frequently leads the State in Traffic Related Fatalities.

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 2016-233 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement
with the County of Ocean Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et.seq.,
for the Prosecutor’s Drug Recognition Expert Callout
Program**

Public Comment - None
Roll Call

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

**Resolution 2016-234 Authorizing the Acting Municipal Clerk to Advertise for
Proposals for Requests for Professional Services**

Public Comment - None
Roll Call

Councilwoman Thompson asked that the Resolution language be amended to include Best Practices language. The vote was based on the resolution amended to include Best Practices language.

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

Resolution 2016-235 Bill List

Public Comment - None
Roll Call

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

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Transportation Trust Fund Freeze** – Mayor Silver read a statement announcing the Governor’s Executive Order freezing the Transportation Trust Fund has been lifted. The Mayor explained that now the Borough can move forward on several projects that had been put on hold.
- B. Speed Limit on West End Avenue** – Mayor Silver stated he has been speaking with the County regarding the double yellow line on West End Avenue. The Borough Engineer is working with the Mayor’s contact at the County to add a double yellow line continuing up West End Avenue.

There was a discussion on how to proceed with the lowering of the speed limit on West End Avenue. Mayor Silver offered a trial program to see what would work. Councilman Berglund thought that the speed limit changes should be done globally with corridors coming into town with a higher speed limit than 25 mph and residential areas with a lower speed limit of 25 mph. Councilman Bendel would support a global approach. Councilwoman Snow supported a global approach with a phased in process to assist with manpower and costs. Councilman Pillion is in support of a 25 mph speed limit on all roads in the borough. He also offered that the Township of Brick is willing to do the signs because they make their signs in-house. Brick is willing to enter into a shared services agreement to provide services. Councilwoman Thompson believes 25 mph throughout the town is a very wise thing to do and also supports petitioning the County to lower the speed limits on County roads in the town.

Lt. Arnold said that approximately 95% of the borough’s streets are already 25 mph. West End Avenue will be tricky because dropping down to 25 mph from 35 mph would almost create a hazard. There will be a lot of summonses issued where the speed drops suddenly. Councilwoman Snow thought maybe the police could issue warnings at first instead of giving tickets. Lt. Arnold said that is up to the discretion of the officer making the stop. The Mayor said that he agrees with trying to reduce the speed limit all in one shot.

Brooke Smith, 136 West End Avenue, submitted a Petition to the Island Heights Council to reduce the speed limit on West End Avenue to 25 miles per hour. The petition contained 91 signatures. Mrs. Smith also submitted a letter from Patricia Robinson, 144 West End Avenue, stating she was in favor of reducing the speed limit on West End Avenue.

Mayor Silver will reach out to the County to see what the procedure is to reduce the speed limit. He would like to reduce the speed limit on County and borough roads at the same time. However, if it is a long process to reduce the speed limits on the County roads, the Mayor would like to move forward lowering the speed limit on borough roads and then work with the County in a second phase. Mayor Silver expects to have an answer from the County at the next meeting.

Councilman Pillion said he received a letter from Mrs. Cheryl Harker, who supplied material on the LED devices that warn drivers of their speed. Each cost one to two thousand dollars per device. She is concerned about the speed on Ocean Avenue. Councilman Pillion said that the speed issue is not only a concern on West End Avenue; it is in other areas of town.

5. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Bendel reported the he was approached by a citizen who expressed her concern about the Air B&B issue. Mayor Silver said it still is an issue that is being addressed. The Mayor said that New York is trying to prohibit them from operating.

Councilman Berglund reported that during this cycle there were 30 faulty water meters that needed to be repaired. The meters are getting old and Public Works will be repairing them.

Councilman Berglund asked that the Council approve a community garden expansion. He requested 20 additional feet to the east of the garden for additional beds and one additional row 8 feet to the south. There are 14 people on the waiting list. The expansion would allow all the people on the waiting list to have a plot and maybe 1 or 2 more spots for anyone else who would like to come in. Councilman Berglund said that this would also benefit the butterfly garden and community garden because all the pollinators will be in the middle of the garden. Council approved the expansion unanimously.

Councilman Pillion reported that the Police Blotter had been made available to the Mayor and Council and will be available on the Police Facebook page.

Councilman Pillion deferred to Chief Parks of the fire department for information regarding the fire department. Chief Parks reported that they are in the middle of their fund raising drive. They are currently doing a 50/50 for \$100 each ticket. Anyone interested in a ticket can see any fireman. Councilman Pillion said the fire department ladies auxiliary is running a paint party fundraiser on November 5th at 7:00 p.m. at 15 Lake Avenue. Tickets are \$40 to paint a Sunset Sailboat. It is a bring your own bottle event. For tickets and/or information contact Sandy at 732-312-4388.

Councilwoman Snow reported that the bonfire went off well with 25 to 50 people attending. The next event coming up is the Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 29th at Letter Park starting at 11 a.m. There will be a pumpkin patch. The parade will go up to the pavilion where donuts and cider will be served.

Melissa Wudzki said that so far there are 15 cars signed up for Trunk or Treat. Usually a handful of cars sign up the night of Trunk or Treat. Participating cars must be parked by 5:30. She asked that people who are treating bring a non-perishable food item to donate for the program that the sixth graders do at the school. The information went home via flyer with the children at school.

Councilwoman Thompson met with the Assessor. Every year by October 1, the Assessor needs to file any changes to the assessment rolls with the County. This year there was a total of 17 new additions to the tax rolls. These include new homes, new additions, pool installations, etc.

Councilwoman Thompson said that there were 111 permits issued to date by the Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Joe Cocco. There were 17 permits in October, 14 in September and 17 in August. Joe Cocco stated that there were a total of 115 permits issued last year and we are ahead of that number this year.

6. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

