

# Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Special Meeting

June 28, 2017

The Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights was called to order by Mayor Silver. Mayor Silver read the following notice: 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 was transmitted to the Asbury Park Press on June 21, 2017 and was also posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Pledge to the flag and moment of silence.

Mayor Silver announced that former Island Heights Police Officer Mike Koehler’s son, Owen has passed away. The Mayor expressed condolences to Officer Koehler and his wife.

## 1. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Asay  
 Councilmember Bendel  
 Council President Berglund  
 Mayor Silver

Councilmember Snow  
 Councilmember Thompson  
 Councilmember Wudzki  
 Attorney O’Connell

	Asay	Bendel	Berglund	Snow	Thompson	Wudzki	Mayor Silver	Atty O’Connell
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent								

Also present were: Chief Financial Officer, Margaret Gorman and Police Lt. Kevin Arnold

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT – NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE PRESENT

## 3. ORDINANCE

### **Ordinance 2017-02 – Calendar Year 2017 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank**

Chief Financial Officer Gorman explained that this is a standard ordinance in order to make a cost of living adjustment to the CAP base. This allows the Borough to keep the money in its CAP bank. If the ordinance isn’t adopted the Borough would lose \$65,105.21 for this year.

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

## 4. INTRODUCTION OF THE 2017 BUDGET (Read by Title Only)

Chief Financial Officer Gorman explained that the budget is introduced by title only because this allows the ordinance to be introduced and published with a public hearing date. At the public hearing the Council will entertain comments from the general public.

Councilmember Asay thanked the Mayor and CFO Gorman for the budget process this year. He also thanked CFO Gorman for the hours spent going over the budget with Councilmember Thompson and him. He again thanked CFO Gorman for the budget process, and although it wasn’t as early as we would have liked, there still was a process which gets us where we want to be today.

He said he would like to see the budget amended a little, but there is a budget process which the town expects and needs.

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

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONTRACT AND LITIGATION MATTERS**

**Resolution 2017-115 was not used.**

**6. RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2017-116 Amending the Temporary Budget**

Chief Financial Officer Gorman explained that this amendment is needed to pay the Borough’s bills.

Public Comment – None

Roll Call

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

**Resolution 2017-117 Lt. Kevin Arnold Contract**

Resolution 2017-117 was removed from the agenda by Mayor Silver.

**7. BILL LIST**

Public Comment - None

Roll Call

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

**8. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Councilmember Asay said he received an email from Nancy Wolfe at the Board of Public Utilities, Cable Television Unit, saying that the Borough had been placed on the agenda for their meeting on Friday in order to approve the Borough’s Ordinance and Agreement with Comcast. He appreciates Ms. Wolfe putting us at “the top of the stack.”

Councilmember Asay also reported that the State Assembly and Senate passed A4587 and is on the Governor’s desk awaiting action. This would allow municipalities to impose an occupancy tax of up to 6% on what they call “transient lodging” which refers to Airbnb, as we have discussed

before. If the Governor signs it and the Borough would adopt such a tax under this State law, Airbnb has agreed to collect the taxes for municipalities and simply send it to us.

**9. ADJOURNMENT at 1:10 p.m.**

**FIRST: BENDEL      SECOND: BERGLUND      ALL IN FAVOR**

Respectfully Submitted By:

Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC, CMR  
Borough Clerk

**Items of Interest:**

- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 12, 2017 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, July 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional Board of Education** regularly meeting is Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM held at the ISLAND HEIGHTS borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Health** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 9:00 AM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 9, 2017 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 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional Board of Education** regularly meeting is Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM held at the **Hugh J. Boyd Elementary School**, 1200 Bay Boulevard, Seaside Heights.

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**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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Council Member John Bendel

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