

# Mayor and Council Newsletter



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Official Council Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2018

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 was advertised in the Asbury Park Press on November 16, 2017 and was also posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Pledge to the flag.

## ROLL CALL

	Council President Berglund	Asay	Gabriel	Snow	Thompson	Wudzki	Mayor Silver	Atty O'Connell
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent								

## PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Silver read the following proclamation

### PROCLAMATION

#### **DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE (June 1, 2018) AS NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Borough of Island Heights, NJ to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.

**WHEREAS**, every day, 96 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other developed countries; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is our mayors' highest responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people; and

**WHEREAS**, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama’s second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later, should now be celebrating her 21st birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, to help honor Hadiya – and the 96 Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day – a national coalition of organizations has designated June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the first Friday in June, as the 4th National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya’s friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods; and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 1<sup>st</sup>, the first Friday in June in 2018, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, by wearing orange on June 1, 2018 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Mayor Jeff Silver of the Borough of Island Heights declares the first Friday in June, June 1, 2018, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities’ efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

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JEFF SILVER, MAYOR

Councilman Asay stated that he supports the intent in the proclamation but was concerned over the organization and its possibly IRS status and whether they lobby.

Proclaiming June 2018 as Tick Awareness Month: Master Gardeners of Ocean County, Inc.

Mayor Silver read the following proclamation:

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING JUNE 2018 AS TICK AWARENESS MONTH  
May 8, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, Master Gardeners of Ocean County, INC. was formed in 1990 and is a non-profit organization working in cooperation with the Ocean County Board of Freeholders and Rutgers NJ Agricultural Experiment Station to promote the mission of the Rutgers Master Gardener volunteer program by utilizing research-based information to educate the public throughout Ocean County on best practices in consumer horticulture and environmental stewardship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Gardeners of Ocean County, Inc. provides services for tick identification and have tracked the tick population in Ocean County since 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past five years, Master Gardeners of Ocean County, Inc. has tracked an increase in the tick population; and

**WHEREAS**, while Lyme Disease cases are reported on in the Ocean County and New Jersey area, the U.S. Department for Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention has updated its pamphlet “Tickborne Diseases of the United States *‘A Reference Manual for Healthcare Providers’*” to include additional less known diseases that impact the health of our citizens.

**WHEREAS**, these additional diseases include Anaplasmosis which is most frequently reported in areas that correspond with the known geographic distribution of Lyme disease; Babesiosis which is most frequently reported from the northeastern and upper midwestern United States; Ehrlichiosis most frequently reported from the southeastern and south-central United States, from the eastern seaboard extending westward to Texas; Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever cases have been reported throughout most of the contiguous U.S.; Powassan virus infections have been reported primarily from Northeastern States and the Great Lakes region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Gardeners of Ocean County, Inc. are committed to provide tick identification and preventative information, as well as promote the awareness of diseases set forth by the Center for Diseases and Prevention to citizens of Ocean County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEFFREY SILVER, MAYOR** of the **BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** do hereby proclaim **JUNE, 2018** as **TICK AWARENESS MONTH** and further express sincere appreciation for the commitment and dedication demonstrated by these volunteer citizens of Ocean County.

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*Mayor, Borough of Island Heights*

A representative of the Master Gardeners of Ocean Council, Inc stated that the County has the ability to identify ticks in their Tick Identification Lab, and encouraged people to bring in ticks for id'ing.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Resolution 2018-88     Approving the Minutes of April 24, March 27 and April 10, 2018

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

Council Member Snow Abstained on approving the Minutes of April 10th.  
 Mayor Silver Abstained on approving the Minutes of April 24th.

## MUNICIPAL BUDGET

### Public Hearing

Bob McNeil, 237 Ocean Ave, asked for the number in which the budget will increase.  
 Close PH: 1st: Berglund\_2nd: Snow, and full Council consent.

CFO stated the budget equates to a 2 cent increase based on the average home assessment of \$386,200. The average increase per household will be approximately \$77.24. The revenue base is the focus. Most of the revenue is from the tax base of residents. The overall budget will increase just over \$272,881.00 and the biggest increase is from the surplus anticipated. There are several one-shop revenues such as the surplus and cancelling of grants and miscellaneous revenue; the Interfund was liquidated.. The Borough utilized \$1 million in surplus this year, and stated that the Borough will not have this for next year's budget. The prepayment of taxes led to less delinquent tax percentage. The reserve for insurance reimbursement will not be in the budget in the future. The UCC fees are no longer required to be collected for building and siding. As for Expenditures, both Salary and Wages, and Health Insurance increased; Post Office and Antenna lease have increased in revenue. The CFO stated that if anyone has any other revenue ideas, then please approach us. As far as expenditure side, we have increases in relation to unions, with salary and wages, health insurance. A decrease in police department as there are no longer crossing guards. The beach maintenance will decrease as there are no lifeguards. Increase in debt service, and PERS and PFRS.

Council Member Thompson asked about the debt.

The CFO stated that the debt went up about \$174,000, which represents mostly the principal on BANS. The Borough did not pay principal payments on bonds for about 5 years. These payments will substantially go up, and the CFO is evaluating how the Borough is going to pay for them, with the possibility of setting up a reserve.

Councilman Gabriel, we budget \$60,000 in engineering costs. Now the costs have skyrocketed the last three years. Last year we budgeted 60, and had to budget more at \$75k. There have been increases in contracts and raises, where the PD has \$456,557.00 last year; now budget \$610 this year. \$7,000 for Code Enforcement; now \$21,000 for this year. Shade Tree was only budgeted \$150 last year, was \$5,000 for this year; down to \$2,000 now. Next year our school referendum will hit us; a revaluation in progress, and a 2 cent increase this year. I just can't see hitting our residents with this when clearly there is money in this budget to trim.

The CFO stated that as far as engineering, everytime, all preliminary costs are charged to the budget; not the grant. The CFO has put a freeze on all new projects.

The Mayor stated a penny represents about \$34,000 in new taxes. The Borough doesn't have summer revenue that is equatable to other shore towns that helps offset the taxes.

Council Member Thompson stated her concern over the reduction of the annual contribution to the Fire Company

Councilman Asay stated he was not fond of the baseline budget calculation, and specifically regarding the annual fire company contribution. He stated that last years contribution was \$40,000 and an addition \$5,000 makes it \$45,000. When we received this year's budget, it was lowered to \$30,000. Then, after speaking with the Mayor, it was upped to \$40,000.00. Therefore this years budget is less and the increase is just not true.

Mayor Silver stated that the Borough actually gives \$62,000 total to the Fire company, which also covers LOSAP.

Council Member Thompson stated her interest in increasing the contribution by \$5,000 to the Fire Company. She further stated her request to reduce Shade Tree by \$1,500 and cut Code Enforcement to cover the \$5,000 increase in Fire.

Council Member Wudzki stated she met with the Fire Company, and they expressed at least the \$45,000 budgeted.

Council Member Thompson requested this line item be increased to \$45,000.

The Borough Clerk stated that there was a Motion and Second, and therefore Roberts' Rules do not allow for an additional motion was a First and Second were made.

The CFO stated that if this is voted down , then a resolution to amend, and additional public hearing will have to be held. And, if one line item is increasing, then another would have to decrease.

Council Member Thompson requested that the Shade Tree line item be decreased. She requested to reduce the Shade Tree line item by \$1,500 and \$3,500.00 Code Enforcement, and increase the Fire Line Item by \$5,000.00

The Mayor confirmed that the Roll Call is currently open with a First and Second on the main Budget; not the amendment. As such, he requested the Borough Clerk to proceed with Roll Call.

**Resolution 2018-89 Adopting the 2018 Municipal Budget**

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2018-90 Canceling \$223.80 Remaining in 966 Receivable Equipment Grant**

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

**BILL LIST**

**Resolution 2018-94 Approving the May Bill List**

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

**WALK-ON RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2018-91 Appointing Denise Pinaha and Alex Claudio as Badge Checkers for the 2018 Summer Season**

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

**Resolution 2018-92 Canceling \$223.80 Remaining in 966 Expenditure Equipment Grant**

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

**Resolution 2018-93 Authorizing a Hold the Date for a Special Event by the Volunteer Fire Company on October 13th**

Dan Brooksbank, 20 year Fire Company volunteer stated the interest and need for this event, and specifically for long term fundraising.

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Bob McNeil, 237 Ocean Ave: stated he saw approximately 20 cans of paint placed down at the Public Works facility.

Mayor Silver stated he saw construction debris in the dumpster at the Fire Company, stating concern over people misusing the Fire Company’s dumpster which is private and not for public use. He stated they will be looking at options to assist the fire company with this issue.

Motion to close public comment: 1st: Snow, 2nd: Wudzki and full Council consent.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

ASAY: Summit Ave Beach had sand placed on it to replenish the beach. However, the NJDEP was called and directed the Borough to stop due to no active permit. The Borough is removing sand from the beach and will discuss the permit process in two weeks. The Borough billed the School for snow removal, and mentioned that the school is in need of new or better snow removal equipment. The process to start a Government Access Channel via Comcast is still moving along and currently going through a fact-finding process for signals. Additionally, the Borough is looking for summer help in the Public Works Department, assisting with Clean Communities.

GABRIEL: Proposed an initiative to establish a memorial for Island Heights residents who have been tragically killed in the line of duty. This was presented to Councilman Gabriel by Ray Miller, a resident of Island Heights, and member of the American Legion. The Governing Body will look to find the best location and specifications.

BERGLUND: The grant for Boy Scout Island was submitted on schedule.

WUDZKI: The first farmers’ market will be this weekend, with the same vendors as last year, in addition to a few new ones.

THOMPSON: none

SNOW: Founders Day planning continues, as does the list for residents between the ages of 90 to 100+. June 16th is the next yard sale. The next founder and camp out may have a movie night, and will be working out licensing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution 2018-95 Approving the Executive Session for Attorney-Client Privilege and Contract Negotiations.

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

**ORDINANCES:**

Ordinance 9-18 Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19, Sections 19-2.4 and 19-2.5, Entitled “Bathing Season” and “Lifeguards at Bathing Beach; Hours,” Respectively (First Reading)

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

1st Asay 2nd Gabriel @ 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

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**Borough Clerk**

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**Jeffrey B. Silver, Mayor**

**Items of Interest:**

- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 21, 2018 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 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 11, 2018 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 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Ocean Gate Municipal Building, 801 Ocean Gate Avenue, Ocean Gate, New Jersey.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 8, 2018 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 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Hugh J. Boyd Elementary School, 120 Bay Boulevard, Seaside Heights.

**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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