

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights was called to order, with Mayor Silver reading that the 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 20, 2014, and is posted on the bulletin board, and in the municipal building.

Mayor Silver led those in attendance with a pledge to the flag

The Municipal Clerk proceeded with Roll Call:

	Asay	Bendel	Berglund	Pillion	Snow	Thompson	Mayor Silver
Present		x	x	x	x		x
Absent	x					x	

Borough Attorney, Michael O'Connell, was also noted as being present.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2015-123 Authorizing the Refund of 4th Quarter 2015 Taxes in the amount of \$1,710.72 for Block 19, Lot 11 in the Name of Corelogic Due to Overpayment by the Mortgage Company and the Homeowner, Anna vivola

Public Comment: none

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 2015-124 Recognizing the Month of November 2015 as National Family Caregiver Month

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 2015-125 Approval of Bill List for November 24, 2015 in the amount of \$206,885.86

Public Comment:

Bob McNeil, 237 Ocean Ave: asked if the Borough has made any progress in paying down the debt of the Water Tower.

Councilman Berglund stated the Borough has made an indent, and is making progress in paying down the debt

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 2015-127 Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to write a letter in support of the Electronic Waste Management Act A-4763/S-2973

Public Comment:

Mayor Silver read the letter received, asking for support of this considered Bill. He further mentioned that the Borough currently provides residents with the ability to dispose of electronic waste as the DPW facility.

Councilman Berglund asked if it costs the Borough to entity the Borough?

Mayor Silver stated no, and Lt. Arnold stated that Goodwill comes to empty the container, further stating that he believes any amount received goes to the Fire Company.

Council Member Snow asked who would be signing off on the letter?

The Municipal Clerk stated the letter would be sent via email to the Legislative sponsors.

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 2015-128 Authorizing the Borough Engineer to solicit quotes for Central Ave sewer repair

Public Comment:

Councilman Berglund stated that there was discussion in prior meetings, stating a need to TV broken lines along Central Avenue. The Borough Engineer stated this is a serious situation and advised the Borough to take immediate, emergency action to correct the line. He recommended and proposed a resolution to take such action.

Councilman Pillion: This is the break that happened during the summer on Central Avenue. There are intersecting pipes from MUA in a sensitive area. They keep on backing up and flushing out, and these need attention.

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			

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BERGLUND

The Department of Public Works completed an inventory on the condition of the trucking fleet to provide information for budgeting in the upcoming year. The general consensus is that there are more extremely poor condition cars than extremely good.

PILLION

The Councilman briefed those in attendance regarding a story on the serious work firefighters are involved in. The WEEK and NY Magazine reported volunteer firefighters responding to a fire, and in the process the roof collapsed, leaving him trapped and burned. The story being reported is this person is the first to have a full face transplant. The public needs to be aware on how quickly these dangers can happen.

SNOW

The Island Heights Grade School Grants Committee meeting, with 3 council, 3 board members and members of the community, but there is a lot of work ahead of them. A followup meeting with December 15th. In order to get additional information for the school, they spoke with the Ocean County Assistant Planner at the Ocean County Department of Planner. Council Member also reported attending the Central Regional School Board, who are currently involved in contract negotiations. The school added two new courses of study: Public speaking and Advanced Placement Environmental Science. The Environmental Science class is involved in building sand dunes in Seaside Heights, who will present work to the Army Corps of Engineers. The school is hosting a two week winter session for international students from China, and they are looking for hosts. The school is hosting a Central Regional Alumni come back to school night at November 28th, with the official unveiling of two, twenty foot brass eagle statues on campus with the school raising about \$22,5000. This event will also display alumni artists and fallen heroes war memorial. On December 2nd, Georgia Court University will be flying a zone to take topography photos. School officials are currently trying to improve the Jump Start program, with high school seniors taking two course each semester which helps students save money and get ahead of studies. Additionally, she is in receipt of a proposal to upgrade the Borough website, and is currently working with Code Enforcement to have permits available online, which will help streamline the process for residents.

Mayor Silver thanked Councilman Berglund, Council Member Thompson and Council Member Snow for coming together for a joint effort is assisting the school for the necessary repairs at a much lower dollar amount.

Councilman Berglund stated he found it very enlightening to take a tour and listening to people talk about the ratings compared to other schools. We have one of the highest rated schools around along with Lavallette and Bayhead. Our school is head and shoulders above others in the district.

Council Member Snow stated the enrollment data from 1998 to 2015, and at the lowest point is 102 and highest, 130, with an average of 115. There are also many terms discussed that residents may not know. Island Heights is a Choice School, with 13 Choice students. These students are not bad performing students, and its money the school receives for their attendance; the report cards are also great at the school and believes these are points that need to be provided to our residents. Superintendent Parlapanidesis also a great resource on finding available funding.

SILVER

Congressman McArthur is in the process of decorating his office in Washington D.C, and Island Heights will be providing Recreational Badges the Borough has used over the years from the 60s to present.

Council Member Snow stated they are in receipt of New Jersey Conservation poster contest , and they are having a contest for grade schools 2-12 , and she will provide this contest information to the Island Heights school to ensure they are aware of the contest. Also, December 12, from 12-2 , Celebrating Soil, is a program through OCEan County Soil Conservation at Jake’s Branch.

Resolution 2015-129 Authorizing the Solicitation of Request for Professionals for Tax Appeal Attorney.

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			

Mayor Silver wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob McNeil, 237 Ocean Ave: Has anyone is it cost effective in terms of the Borough doing it as opposed to an outside vendor?

Mayor Silver: I know there is a small dollar amount received via tipping fees. I was looking to change the recycling schedule. We currently have pickup every week and we may have recycling pickup every other week. To have an outside entity to come in and provide pickup will way exceed what we are paying.

Council Member Snow: the market fluctuates and the going rate at this point, is not as profitable. Just as prices of cardboard fluctuated.

Mayor Silver: I'm working on the calendar for the new year, and will see if we are going to bi-weekly which will allow our Public Works to continue other projects.

ADJOURNMENT & 7:50PM

First: Bendel Second: Berglund, with unanimous Council consent.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph Kostecki, MPA, RMC, QPA, CMR
Borough Clerk

Items of Interest:

- ❑ **All borough offices** will be **closed** on Friday, December 25, 2015 in observance of Christmas.
- ❑ **All borough offices** will be **closed** on Friday, January 1, 2016 in observance of New Years Day.

The Municipal Clerk's Office, Tax Collector & Water/Sewer Office, are open Monday – Friday 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM 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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