

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2006**

Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

The Mayor asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk made the following statement: Per P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, notice is hereby given that this is a Special Meeting of the Borough of Highlands. All requirements have been met and notice has been posted on the public bulletin board and transmitted to the Asbury Park Press, The Courier and The Two River Times.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mr. Nolan, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor O'Neil

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Nina Light Flannery, Borough Clerk; Dominick M. Manco,  
Borough Attorney

Ms. Flannery announced the purpose of the meeting and the names put in nomination to fill the vacancy on Council. The names submitted by the Highlands Republican Committee are:

Nancy Thomas  
Matthew O'Neil  
Dolores Monahan Howard

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Mr. Nolan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-06-171  
RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY  
ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the **Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands** that  
Nancy Thomas be and hereby is appointed to the Council seat vacated  
by Anna C. Little on September 30, 2006 which term shall expire on November 6, 2007.

**Motion fails for lack of a second.**

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Matthew O'Neil be and hereby is appointed to the Council seat vacated  
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Mayor O'Neil leaves the table and the Council Chambers due to a conflict of interest on the vote for this appointment.

**Motion fails for lack of a second.**

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Mr. Caizza offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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**BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that**

Dolores M. Howard be and hereby is appointed to the Council seat vacated

by Anna C. Little on September 30, 2006 which term shall expire on November 6, 2007.

Seconded by Mr. Urbanski:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski

NAYES: Mr. Nolan, Mayor O'Neil

**Motion does not carry for failure to obtain a majority.**

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Mr. Manco explains that due to a failure of the Governing Body to fill this vacancy the nominations are sent back to the Republican Committee for their decision as to whom will fill the seat.

Mayor O'Neil opens the meeting to the public:

Donald H. Manrodt, Sr.

268 Bayside Drive – asks for clarification of the procedure.

Arnie Fugue

Valley Ave -- asks if the public has any input in the decision. Mr. Manco explains that the procedure now is for the nominee list to be returned to the Republican Party and for the party to appoint one person from that list. If they do not, the names will return to the table for another vote.

Mr. Manco explains that they do not.

Susan Thomas

Huddy Avenue – asks if this process costs the town money.

Mrs. Flannery states that it costs the amount of the advertisement that there will be a meeting and the attorney fee for the evening.

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Mary Margaret Kurta

Second Street. – asks if there is a point where the public will select the nominee? Mr. Manco explains that this is now an appointment by the committee rather than a selection by the Governing Body.

Donald Manrodt, Sr.

268 Bayside Drive – asks if the Mayor would explain how the committee is selected. Mayor O’Neil explains that each party has 8 representatives, a man and a woman from each district. Since there are four districts in Highlands, the 8 people comprise the Committee.

There being no more questions. Mayor O’Neil offers a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Nolan.

AYES: ALL IN FAVOR

NAYES: NONE

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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**Nina Light Flannery, Borough Clerk**