

# Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2020

Mayor Doyle read the following meeting notice:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights is hereby called to order. Notice of this meeting was issued in accordance with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 (Section 10:4-10). Notice of this meeting was advertised in the Asbury Park Press on December 16, 2019 and advertised on <http://islandheightsboro.com> was also posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Doyle led the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America

Borough Clerk read the Roll Call:

## **ROLL CALL OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Present:	Mayor Doyle	
	Council Member Baxter	Council President Ms. Thompson
	Council Member Gabriel	Council Member Weber
	Council Member Pendleton	Council Member Wudzki
		Borough Attorney Mr. Zabarsky
		Deputy Clerk Sean Asay

Borough Clerk confirmed a quorum.

## **Executive Session:**

Resolution 2020-73 - Authorizing Executive Session for Attorney-Client privilege  
Motion by Thompson, Seconded by Weber and Governing Body consent.

## **Back Into Public Session**

## **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Resolution 2020-63

Approving the Minutes for the Mayor and Council Meeting  
of March 18, 2020:

Motion: Thompson  
Second: Pendleton  
Full Governing Body consent

Resolution 2020-64      Approving the Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council on March 25, 2020:

Motion: Weber  
Second: Pendleton  
Full Governing Body consent

**RESOLUTIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)**

Resolution 2020-65      Resolution Amending Resolution 2019-97 adopted on May 14, 2019 which Approved the Proposal for Engineering Services for River Avenue Road Improvements and Adjusting the Amount Not to Exceed from \$29,650.00 to \$31,000.00

Motion: Weber  
Second: Thompson

Resolution 2020-66      Amending Resolution 2019-170 and Authorizing an Increase In Engineering Services from \$57,100.00 to \$64,100.00.

Motion: Weber  
Second: Gabriel

Resolution 2020-67      Resolution Approving the Planting and Landscaping Plan Submitted by the Public Works Director for the Long Point Recreation Area

Motion: Thompson  
Second: Pendleton

Comments: Council Member Pendleton stated that she would like to submit a drawing for consideration; and will send it to Councilman Gabriel.

Resolution 2020-68      Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to Negotiate and Enter Into a Successor Employment Agreement with Kevin Arnold for Calendar Years 2019 and 2020

Motion: Baxter  
Second: Pendleton

Resolution 2020-69                      Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Island Heights to Apply for the 2019 Recycling Tonnage Grant

Motion: Thompson  
Second: Weber

Resolution 2020-70                      Temporary Prohibiting All Rentals by Hotels, Motels, and Guest Homes in Accordance with Executive Order 2020-08

Motion: Weber  
Second: Gabriel  
Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments

Mayor Doyle asked for a motion to approve all as Consent:

First: Thompson              Second: Weber, and full Governing Body consent.

Abstention from Councilman Gabriel on contract negotiation  
Resolution 2020-68

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST & PROCUREMENTS**

Resolution 2020-71                      Approving the Bill List and Procurements

Motion: Weber  
Second: Thompson  
Full Governing Body consent

### **DISCUSSION & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mayor Doyle opened Privilege of the Floor

Seeing no public comments

Motion to close Privilege of the Floor

First: Pendleton              Second: Baxter, and Governing Body consent.

### **GOVERNING BODY REPORTS**

Mayor Doyle stated the boardwalk is now past Jaynes avenue and DPW was working on bracing underneath the boardwalk, electrical light fixtures, and progressing on all.

Long Point work was also done to remove stumps, poison ivy, and to prepare for other beautiful improvements that are a work in progress.

The Borough received a \$10,000 Sustainability grant.

We are starting work on Lake for paving phase 1; Phase II will start shortly after, and it will be paid by State funds. They started first on gas lines.

The old gas station on the corner of Lake and Central was torn down, and is a parking lot; with plans for an office building. It's great to see that old building go.

The fields have been mowed and dirt piled on Memorial Field for other future recreation sites.

An Eagle Scout project was approved to restore the old Borough street signs over the summer.

We have seen a tremendous outpouring of support for all throughout the town. Anyone in town that needs help, please call Borough Hall, and we will do our best to help you. The Governing Body is preparing a plan to reopen up the Borough as appropriate. I anticipate that masks and social distancing will continue for a while. We will all get through this together.

### **Governing Body Reports:**

Baxter: Short-term housing resolution will provide guidelines along with the Governor's Executive Order and follow up by Gary Stocco to ensure compliance

Pendleton: voiced concern to ensure this is enforced until the end of the State of Emergency.

Gabriel: There is severe erosion at the waterfront on Long Point, and we are exploring means to address economically.

Pendleton: Thanked DPW for their work on Long Point. There was a lot of undergrowth and poison ivy. The Borough also secured bayberry and beach plum to plant. We are looking forward to bring it back to a beautiful park. Also, new planter boxes were installed at the Post Office with pansies and geraniums; and we've received some nice feedback from residents. Thank you to DPW for their work on the boardwalk. I counted all sign posts throughout the town, and broke them up into sections (4 sections). Jon Brodback will get the stencils for the Eagle Scout task for sign post restoration. The Environmental Committee did a great job submitting for the Sustainability grant of \$10,000. A formal announcement will be made shortly.

Wudzki: Thanked all First Responders for the Easter Parade. The Central Regional and IH Board of Education have their budget meetings upcoming. Island Heights will be on April 29th at 7pm, and Central Regional will be on April 30th at 7pm. Additionally, the Vendors are waiting to start this year's Farmers Market. This type of market is considered an essential service.

Weber: Thank you to our First Responders; there's been a modified approach since this epidemic. First Responders have been great protecting our town, a huge thank you again to all of them. The Easter Bunny parade was amazing. Thank you to Elizabeth Smutz for helping. Additionally, the Borough and Doug Platt have done a great job maintaining the Borough PPE inventory during this pandemic.

Mayor Doyle stated the Borough purchased several foggers to use to decontaminate vehicles. Thanks to Officer Rutledge for being able to obtain sanitizer.

Thompson: Thanked OEM and Doug Platt for their work during this pandemic. The website has been updated with notices and links. She further thanked employees Penny Hagan, Sean Asay and Gary Stocco, and support from Joe Kostecki. Additionally, the Borough is in the design phase for a Wanamaker Hall sign and are working to get that final design for review by summer.

Mayor Doyle: River Avenue paving is behind schedule by about a month. The County will have it ready by June, and will have it done in stages to ensure the road can still have traffic access. This is an important project for drainage. The CAFRA permit was submitted for the Gazebo to bring it back, and submitted a permit for sand replenishment at Wanamaker Beach.

Councilman Weber gave a tremendous amount of gratitude to Doug Platt, stating his home is a house of patriots for all of the work done during this pandemic.

Doug Platt: Thank all for doing the right thing during this historic pandemic. Thank you to Mayor and Council for their kind words. I'm proud to say living in Island Heights is a really good thing during this pandemic.

The Mayor further asked those to remember other groups and charities during this time. The Mayor remembered Gail Wayman who lived on Ocean Avenue by Triangle Park. She was a strong advocate of the Ocean County College, Peto Museum, and Girl Scouts. Please remember a couple of our groups and charities who are need of funds.

**ADJOURNMENT @ 7:40pm**

**Respectfully submitted**

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**Borough Clerk**

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**Mayor Doyle**

# PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

## Items of Interest:

- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 6:15 PM held at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education building, Forest Hills Parkway, Bayville.
- ❑ **All municipal offices will be closed** on Monday, May 25, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 6:15 PM held at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education building, Forest Hills Parkway, Bayville.

### **AT THIS TIME PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM OFFICE HOURS.**

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; Fire Official and Municipal Court are open Monday evening 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The Tax Assessor is available by appointment only. Please call the borough hall at (732) 270-6415 for days and times of offices not listed above.

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