

# Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

April 28, 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 Member Weber  
Council Member Pendleton  
Council President Ms. Thompson  
Council Member Wudzki  
Borough Attorney Mr. Zabarsky

Absent:  
Council Member Gabriel

## **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Resolution 2020-72 Approving the Minutes for the Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
Conducted on February 11, 2020

Motion: Weber  
Second: Thompson  
Governing Body consent

Councilman Gabriel was recognized in attendance.

**RESOLUTIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)**

Resolution 2020-73 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to Enter Into an Agreement with the Ocean County Planning Board - Ocean County Natural Lands Program, Approving the Purchase of Block 39.01, Lots 1.05 and 1.06 (159 and 161 Central Avenue) to be Preserved as Open Space

Motion  
Second: Pendleton

Resolution 2020-74 Resolution Approving an Unpaid Leave of Absence for Police Officer Dominique D’Amico-Violante, Effective on April 4, 2020 and until No Later than December 28, 2020

Motion: Weber  
Second: Thompson

Resolution 2020-75 Resolution Approving an Agreement Between Kevin Arnold and the Borough of Island Heights

Motion: Baxter  
Second: Thompson

Mayor Doyle asked for motion to approve Consent Agenda

First: Baxter    Second: Thompson, and Governing Body consent

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST & PROCUREMENTS**

Resolution 2020-76    Approving the Bill List and Procurements

Motion: Gabriel  
Second: Weber  
Governing Body consent

**DISCUSSION & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

John Pendleton: 249 Ocean Avenue: asked when the Borough anticipates opening the dump

Councilman Gabriel stated we are actively working on this but want to be measured and accurate, however there is no specific date.

Seeing no other comments, Motion to close public comment by Weber, and seconded by Gabriel, and Governing Body consent.

## **GOVERNING BODY REPORTS**

Mayor Doyle stated that there are residents in need of help during this tough time. If you are in need, please contact Darlene Asay at the Methodist Church. Also, contact Borough Hall for help, and we will do our best to help you. There are new residents and neighbors moving into Island Heights. Dillons Creek has new owners whom seem very nice, and we look forward to having them as active members of our community.

Councilman Weber: Island Heights and the PBA are giving back by partnering with Burger 25 for all Island Heights families in need. He further noted that the IH EMS only missed one call which is amazing. Unfortunately, the Summer Brew will be cancelled this year.

Doug Platt (OEM Coordinator) stated that the Governor continued his stay at home order until May 15th. PPE delivery via the County has been successful, with distributions going to PD, Fire and EMS. More resources will be coming for response protocols, with more testing sites to open as well. In Island Heights, there were eight confirmed cases of COVID 19. We are looking at a Phase I plan to reopen but this will be driven by decisions from the State.

Council Member Pendleton thanked Doug Platt for his work. The Environmental Committee will be making and distributing masks to residents. Information will be distributed via social media. They are also willing to go to the grocery store and pharmacies for residents in need. Finally, we anticipate a May 14th notice on grant announcements from Sustainable New Jersey.

Councilman Gabriel stated there is continual work on the boardwalk, but unfortunately at a standstill at Long Point at the moment. DPW will remove the weeds along River Avenue. The Fire Company has been very busy during the recent windstorms.

Council Member Wudzki reminded all of the school budget meetings; Island Heights will be tomorrow at 4pm, and Central Regional's on Thursday at 7pm. The Farmers Market is still planned for opening soon.

Council Member Thompson thanked Doug Platt and looks forward to the reopening plan but we should look to coordinate with other municipalities. We can't rush back out and must be coordinated.

Councilman Baxter echoed Council Member Thompson's sentiments in following the correct plan for reopening.

Seeing no other questions or comments

Motion to adjourn: Weber, seconded by Gabriel, and Governing Body consent.

**ADJOURNMENT @ 7:30pm**

**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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