

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

May 5, 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 was also posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Doyle led to in 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 Gabriel
Council Member Weber
Council Member Pendleton
Council President Ms. Thompson
Borough Attorney Mr. Zabarsky
Deputy Clerk Sean Asay

Absent:
Council Member Wudzki

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Resolution 2020-75 Approving the Minutes for the Council Meeting of April 14, 2020 and April 28, 2020
Motion: Weber
Second: Gabriel
Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments: none

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2020-76 Approving the Partial Reopening Plan for the Borough Effective on May 2, 2020 and Authorizing the Mayor to Open the Remaining Borough Facilities as Appropriate
Motion: Weber
Second: Thompson
Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments: none

Resolution 2020-77 Authorizing the Hiring of Stephen Grenley as the Construction and Sub Code Official for the Borough Effective on June 1, 2020 at an Annual Rate of \$12,500.00

Motion: Gabriel
Second: Weber

Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments:

Mayor Doyle stated this will move services back from Toms River Township and will provide good local service and increased revenue. He thanked Toms River Township for providing the services.

Resolution 2020-78 Approving the Revised Planting Plan for Long Point Recreation Area Provided by Bryce Bennett - Landscape Architect and the Borough Engineer

Motion: Weber
Second: Gabriel

Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments:

Councilman Gabriel stated this project will reinforce Long Point with shrubbery and bushes, and have it approved by NJDEP. There was a loss of native trees in this area.

Council President asked about Bryce Bennet.

Mayor Doyle stated this is a license Landscape architect authorized via the Borough Engineer for this project.

Resolution 2020-79 Adopting the Amended 2020 Temporary Budget

Motion: Doyle
Second: Thompson

Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments

| MOTION | SECOND | NAME | YEAS | NAYS | ABSTAIN/NV | ABSENT |
|--------|--------|--------------------------|------|------|------------|--------|
| x | | CP Thompson | x | | | |
| | | Council Member Baxter | x | | | |
| | | Council Member Gabriel | x | | | |
| | | Council Member Pendleton | x | | | |
| | x | Council Member Weber | x | | | |
| | | Council Member Wudzki | | | | x |
| | | Mayor Doyle | x | | | |

BILL LIST

Resolution 2020-80 Approving the Bill List
 Motion: Thompson
 Second: Weber
 Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments: none

DISCUSSION & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Doyle opened the floor to the public. Seeing no public questions or comments, Council President Thompson motioned to close Public Comment, seconded by Councilman Weber, and Governing Body consent.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS

Mayor Doyle: It has been an interesting several weeks. The parks have partially opened; no boardwalk or playgrounds yet. There are food available through community resources, and stated that he will return all calls for help.

Council President Thompson: There is continual work being done on the Wanamaker sign, and has been more effort than anticipated. However, they are getting closer and progress is being made. I wish our CFO well and he is in our thoughts.

Council Member Baxter: Our Gardeners have obeyed the Executive Order directive, and is a good sign. The Municipal Court will open in June by way of Zoom meetings. Additionally, building permits have increased from last year.

Council Member Gabriel: Boardwalk improvements are moving along, but we are currently waiting on material. Work on Lake Avenue will start shortly, and the paving will go from West End to just past the school.

Council Member Weber: provided an update for Council Member Wudzi, stating that the Farmers Market is planned for June 2nd. There are a few vendors ready and will be looking at the Toms River Market for additional guidance. To all of the kids, 5th, 8th and High School seniors, you will not be forgotten. Kudos out to the First Aid Squad, as they received 7 calls in two days, which is very high for them. As for the Police Department, high 90s% abide by social distancing. Those out not abiding were dealt with. People challenging law enforcement will be dealt with. We continually monitor PPE but the Borough is in a good place right now with inventory.

Motion to Adjourn: Weber
2nd: Gabriel, and Governing Body consent.

ADJOURNMENT @ 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted

Borough Clerk

Mayor Doyle

PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

Items of Interest:

- ❑ 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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