

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2020

Mayor Doyle opened the meeting with the following public statement:

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 those in attendance with a Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America

The Borough Clerk proceeded with Roll Call of Mayor and Council

Present:

Mayor Doyle

Council Member Baxter

Council Member Gabriel

Council Member Pendleton

Council President Ms. Thompson

Council Member Weber

Council Member Wudzki

Borough Attorney Mr. Zabarsky

Deputy Clerk Sean Asay

Absent: none

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Resolution 2020-88

Approving the Minutes for the Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Conducted on May 19, 2020

Motion: Pendleton

Second: Wudzki

Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments: none

RESOLUTION (Consent Agenda)

Resolution 2020-89

Resolution Approving an Off Premise Raffle License number 2020-1
for the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company to Conduct a 50/50
Drawing on September 25, 2020

Motion: Baxter

Second: Thompson

Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments:

Councilman Gabriel abstained

Resolution 2020-90

Resolution Approving the Hiring of Christopher Logan as a Part Time
Laborer for the Department of Public Works at an Hourly Rate of \$14
Effective on May 30, 2020

Motion: Thompson
Second: Wudzki
Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments: none

Resolution 2020-91 Resolution Accepting the Retirement of Captain Kevin Arnold from the Island Heights Police Department Effective June 1, 2020 and Recognizing his 28 Years of Service to the Borough
Motion: Gabriel
Second: Thompson
Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments: none

Resolution 2020-92 Resolution Promoting Police Officer Paul Rutledge to the Rank of Sergeant in the Island Heights Police Department with an Effective Date of May 30, 2020
Motion: Pendleton
Second: Weber
Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments: none

Resolution 2020-93 Resolution Designating Sergeant Paul Rutledge the Interim Superior Officer of the Island Heights Police Department for a Period of Six Months Effective on June 1, 2020
Motion: Gabriel
Second: Thompson
Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments: none

Resolution 2020-94 Resolution Approving a Lien Redemption on Block 16, Lot 10 (21 Jaynes Avenue) in the Amount of \$44,729.33
Motion: Thompson
Second: Weber
Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments: none

Resolution 2020-95 Approving an Off Premise Raffle License number 2020-02 for the John F. Peto Museum of Island Heights to Conduct a 50/50 Drawing on August 8, 2020
Motion: Wudzki
Second: Weber
Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments:
Abstentions by Council Member Pendleton & Baxter

Resolution 2020-96 Awarding the Contract for Ramp and Sidewalk Improvements on Central and Lake Avenues Under the 2018 Community Development Block Grant to S & G Paving of Jamesburg, NJ in an Amount Not To Exceed \$24,000.00
Motion: Weber

Second: Thompson

Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments: Mayor Doyle stated that this would make it safer for children to safely cross.

Resolution 2020-97

Approving the Hiring of Kyle Seehausen as a Part Time Class II Police Officer for the Island Heights Police Department at an Hourly Rate of \$13.25 Following the Successful Completion of all Screening Processes with an Effective Date of June 13, 2020

Motion: Gabriel

Second: Thompson

Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments: none

Councilman Baxter stated he and Council Member Pendleton will abstain from the Peto resolution.

Councilman Gabriel stated he will be abstaining from the Fire company resolution.

Council President Thompson thanked Kevin Arnold for his service and leadership under community policing. She stated that she is encouraged to have Paul Rutledge as leadership for the change in guard.

Motion to Close comment on the Consent Agenda: Thompson

Second: Thompson, and Council consent.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Weber

Second: Wudzki

Governing Body consent

BILL LIST

Resolution 2020-98 Approving the Bill List

Motion: Weber

Second: Thompson

Mayor/Council Discussion/Comments: none

DISCUSSION & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Kevin Nelson, 109 Jaynes Ave, providing congratulations to Kevin Arnold from the Bloomfield Fire Department, and thank you for your service.

Doug Platt, OEM, 118 Summit Ave, congratulations to Kevin Arnold for his years of service. You've been a true partner, and congratulations to Mr. Rutledge.

Motion to close Privilege of the Floor: Gabriel

Second: Pendleton

Governing Body consent.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS

Council Member Gabriel: The DPW work is status quo, with planned work forthcoming to water services, boardwalk, storms clean-up, then follow-up of storm debris. Councilman further expressed sorry and appreciation of Millie Braun, ladies Auxiliary whom passed away at 98 years old.

Council Member Weber: the EMS recruitment numbers have dramatically increased, and thanked them for their work. They were able to restore retired EMTs under the State Covid 19 directives. He further stated the ongoing coordination with OEM Coordinator, Doug Platt. He further mentioned hurricane season started. Councilman ended his report by expressing appreciation to Kevin Arnold for his service, and wished him a nice retirement, while congratulating Mr. Rutledge on his new supervisor role.

Council Member Pendleton:The Environmental Committee received a \$10,000 grant, and proposed playground improvements such as double skywalker, child adaptive swings, a bike dump, and wind chimes. Additionally improvements coming to Wanamaker Field include power washing, a single country skier, and talking tubes. With the Government reopening, the PETO Museum has an tentatively scheduled opening of July 11th, and distancing will be implemented.

Council Member Wudzki: The 6th graders have a parade this Friday, with the Yacht Club being the starting point. Their promotion will be Monday the 15th at Wanamaker, and will have a pre-recorded video for the class of 21'. Arrive at 8:30am. On Sunday the 14th, there will be the Parade of Excellence at Island heights Fire Department, and will be for eight, twelfth grade and college graduates. She further expressed her appreciation to Public Works for assisting to setup the Farmers' Market.

Council Member Baxter: The Borough has sold 400 Recreation Badges, more than last years total. 42 Zoning applications produced, and 4 homes under construction. The Construction office will transfer from Toms River Township to Island Heights on July 1st. He requested an opinion for the length of rentals. He expressed appreciation for the improvements to the boardwalk.

Council President Thompson: Website updates on PD and Covid are up to date. She stated the final draft of the Wanamaker sign will be ready shortly for construction bids.

Council Member Weber: expressed the importance of supporting the 8th and 9th grade graduations, and encouraged all to decorate and be outside to show support.

Mayor Doyle: Lake Avenue paving is underway soon. River Ave has extensive work planned over July, with curbing and sidewalk improvements all the way to the bend of Letter Park. The plantings at Long Point look great. He stated the virus risk is behind us, unemployment has improved. The Mayor expressed appreciation for the Methodist Church for their active pantries. He further thanked the Fire Department for their Memorial Day service. After his report, he stated that he would be adjourning the Council meeting in hour of and remembrance of Millie Braun, who was a Ladies Auxiliary member for over 20 years.

Motion to adjourn: Gabriel,

Second: Thompson, and full Governing Body consent

ADJOURNMENT @ 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted

Borough Clerk

Mayor Doyle

PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

Items of Interest:

- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 8, 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, July 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, July 16, 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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