

# Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2020

Mayor Doyle read the Following:

“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 (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12) 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 and on the Borough Website.”

Mayor Doyle led all in the:

## **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The Clerk conducted the:

## **ROLL CALL OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Council Member Baxter	Present	X	Absent_____
Council Member Fumo	Present	X	Absent_____
Council Member Gabriel	Present	X	Absent_____
Council Member Pendleton	Present	X	Absent_____
Council President Thompson	Present	X	Absent_____
Council Member Weber	Present	X	Absent_____
Mayor Doyle	Present	X	Absent_____
Borough Attorney Mr. Zabarsky	Present	X	Absent_____

Mayor Doyle entertained a Motion for the:

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Resolution 2020-161                      Approving the Minutes for the Meeting Conducted on  
October 13, 2020

Motion: Mr. Baxter  
Second: Ms. Thompson

Discussion/Comments: None

Voting Record:

Mr. Baxter	Mr. Fumo	Mr. Gabriel	Ms. Pendleton	Ms. Thompson	Mr. Weber	Mayor Doyle
<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>
Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolution 2020-162                      Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to Enter in an  
Agreement with Bonnie J. Rose Design for Borough  
Government Access Television Channel Design and  
Management at a Rate of \$30 per Hour

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Ms. Thompson

Discussion/Comments: Mayor Doyle explained that the  
Borough Government Access Television Channel is now  
operating on Comcast Channel 22 and the Borough is working  
to share the signal with Verizon customers in the Borough.

Resolution 2020-163                      Setting the Fees for Recreation Badges and Daily Recreation Permits for Calendar Year 2021

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Discussion/Comments: Mayor Doyle explained that there were no proposed changes to the Recreation Fees for 2021. Residents should remember to purchase their Seasonal Badges before May 1<sup>st</sup> to get the discounted price of \$20 for the year.

Resolution 2020-164                      Authorizing the Clerk and the Qualified Purchasing Agent to Advertise Solicitations for Professional Services for the Borough for Calendar Year 2021

Motion: Mr. Baxter  
Second: Mr. Weber

Discussion/Comments: None

Resolution 2020-165                      Approving the Operation of Low Speed Vehicles on Borough Roads and Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to Request Approval of the Operation of Low Speed Vehicles on County Roads Within the Borough

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Mr. Gabriel

Discussion/Comments: Mayor Doyle and Mr. Gabriel explained that these Low Speed Vehicles must comply with all applicable MVC Regulations and have all of the lighting and safety features common in other motorized vehicles.

Adoption of all of the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda:

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Discussion/Comments: None

Voting Record:

Mr. Baxter	Mr. Fumo	Mr. Gabriel	Ms. Pendleton	Ms. Thompson	Mr. Weber	Mayor Doyle
<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>
Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.

## BILL LIST AND PROCUREMENTS

Resolution 2020-166

Approving the Bill List

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Ms. Thompson

Discussion/Comments: None

Voting Record:

Mr. Baxter	Mr. Fumo	Mr. Gabriel	Ms. Pendleton	Ms. Thompson	Mr. Weber	Mayor Doyle
<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>
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## DISCUSSION & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Bob MacNeal – What is the definition of a Low Speed Vehicle? (As noted in the foregoing Mayor Doyle and Mr. Gabriel provided a response).

## GOVERNING BODY REPORTS

**Mr. Fumo** – The Elementary School graduating class of 2020 provided a plaque to the School to acknowledge their achievement in being recognized for excellence by the U.S. Department of Education. The Elementary School reports that 73% of students are attending in person classes as scheduled with the remainder opting for online learning only. Work at the school continues to provide separation between students with plexiglass dividers being installed.

Our library continues to be open with limited hours and a variety of online services.

**Mr. Weber** – Our First Aid Squad has responded to 160 calls for service in the Borough this year to date, thank you to our volunteers for their dedication and professionalism.

Our Fire Company is running a 50/50 raffle for the fall and tickets are available from any member for \$10.00.

Our Police Officers sponsored and participated through their PBA Local in the recent Borough “Movie Night” it was a big success and participation was strong but distanced.

Per recent FBI crime reports Island Heights is the safest community in Ocean County.

**Ms. Thompson** – We have been in touch with the State Department of Community Affairs regarding training for our Planning Board Members. We were advised that the training sessions are now being offered virtually and we will be working to arrange the sessions as soon as possible.

**Ms. Pendleton** – We have been in touch with the Ocean County Health Department regarding a decision on a rabies clinic this winter in the Borough, we are waiting to hear back.

The Historic Marker for the Wanamaker Complex is in the final stages of editing with thanks to Karen Kier and we are speaking to several vendors who may prepare the sign for the Borough.

A Time Capsule was buried at the Wanamaker Complex in 1978 and was supposed to be opened in 25 years. We are working to find the exact location where it is buried in hopes that it can be opened when the new Gazebo is dedicated.

**Mr. Baxter** – The Construction and Code Offices have conducted inspections in 66 homes in the Borough so far this year, inspectors have found a number of life safety issues and worked with our property owners to have them corrected such as; unvented furnaces and water heaters, natural gas leaks, exposed live wires, structural deficiencies and inoperative or insufficient carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. These inspections are for the safety of all and we thank our inspectors for keeping us all safe.

**Mr. Gabriel** – DPW is busy with fall projects including finishing up the boardwalk for this year and preparing the DPW yard to receive fall leaves and brush by moving the accumulated debris to the County for disposal. The Recycling Center continues to be open on weekends for Residents and Property Owners only and those dropping off are requested have ID with them or proof of ownership.

DPW is aware of drainage issues at Memorial Field and they are exploring some possible low cost drainage solutions.

Mayor Doyle requested adjournment in memory of our former CFO – Edward Simone. Ed passed away recently and while he did not serve the Borough for long he was very accomplished in his field and he had previously served as our auditor and provided many valuable insights on Municipal Finance.

Mayor Doyle entertained a Motion for:

ADJOURNMENT in Memory of Edward Simone, Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 PM by Unanimous Consent.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sean Asay**  
**Borough Clerk**

# PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

## Items of Interest:

- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education building, Forest Hills Parkway, Bayville.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 24, 2020 has been *cancelled*.
- ❑ **All borough offices will be closed** on Thursday, November 26, 2020 *and* Friday, November 27, 2020 in observance of Thanksgiving.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 6:15 PM at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM held at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- ❑ **All borough offices** will be **closed** on Friday, December 25, 2020 in observance of Christmas.
- ❑ **All borough offices** will be **closed** on Friday, January 1, 2021 in observance of New Year's Day.

### **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, Construction 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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