

# Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

December 8, 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 Television Channel and Website.”

Mayor Doyle led all in reciting the:

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

Mayor Doyle asked the Clerk to Complete the:

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

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

Mayor Doyle entertained a Motion for:

## **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Resolution 2020-175

Approving the Minutes for the Meeting Conducted on  
November 10, 2020

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Baxter

Discussion/Comments: None

Voting Record:

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

Mayor Doyle Introduced the:

**RESOLUTIONS on the CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolution 2020-176      Approving the Proposal from the Borough Engineer to Complete the Updating of the Mapping of the Borough Storm Sewer Outfalls

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Discussion/Comments: None

Resolution 2020-177      Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to Enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutors Office to Participate in the Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program (DRECP) for 2020 and 2021

Motion: Mr. Baxter  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Discussion/Comments: None

Resolution 2020-178      Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to Enter into a “Schedule C Agreement” for 2021 with the County of Ocean

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Discussion/Comments: None

Resolution 2020-179      Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to Enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutors Office to Participate in the DWI Enforcement Program for 2020 and 2021

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Baxter

Discussion/Comments: None

Resolution 2020-180

Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to Enter into an Agreement with the Ocean County Library Commission for the Continued Operation of the Island Heights Branch of the Ocean County Library System

Motion: Mr. Fumo  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Discussion/Comments: None

Resolution 2020-182

Approving the Use of the Borough Tennis Courts for Practice Sessions by the Toms River Futbol Club Coached by Andy Parks Evenings During December 2020, January, February and March 2021

Motion: Mr. Baxter  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Discussion/Comments: None

Mayor Doyle entertained a Motion for the:

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>	Yes/No	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	Yes/No	<u>Yes/No</u>
Abs.	Abs.	<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.	Abs.	<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.

Mayor Doyle entertained a Motion to Approve the:

**BILL LIST AND PROCUREMENTS**

Resolution 2020-181

Approving the Bill List

Motion: Mr. Baxter  
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>	Yes/No	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	Yes/No	<u>Yes/No</u>
Abs.	Abs.	<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.	Abs.	<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.

**DISCUSSION & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Justin Hannah - Spoke representing the Pickleball Players of the Borough. Mr. Hannah said that Pickleball has been one of the real success stories of 2020 and that the number of players has grown steadily. He said that for 2021 the players would like to see more playing space made available and they would like to have a lighted area to be able to play in the evening during the warmer months.

**GOVERNING BODY REPORTS**

Mayor Doyle provided his year-end report and listed the accomplishments for the Borough during the very difficult year of 2020:

An agreement has been signed with the Worthingtons to redevelop the Park Avenue termination to provide public access to the Bay

Central Avenue has been paved from end to end with new curbing and lining

West Avenue has been paved from end to end with new curbing and lining

Maple Avenue has been paved from Summit Ave. to the Highway

Lake Avenue Phase I paving has been completed from Maple Ave. East to Siddons Court

River Avenue was reconstructed to reduce flooding, curbs and sidewalks repaired and replaced and new asphalt from Central Ave. west to Ocean Ave.

A New Horseshoe Pit was Installed at Memorial Field

Borough owned Alleys Running Between Simpson Ave. and Jaynes Ave. restored

New Boardwalk was Installed from the Central Ave. Pavilion to Oak Ave.

The County Approved the Purchase of Vacant Lands on Central Ave. and West End Ave. to be Preserved as Open Space and to Protect our Estuary and Reduce Flooding

New Shade Trees were Planted throughout the Borough to Preserve the Long Term Health of our Tree Canopy

New Donated Flag Poles were Installed at the Triangle Park and Borough Hall

A New Water Fountain was Installed at Wanamaker Field near the Pickleball and Playground Area

A New Crosswalk as Well as Curbing and Additional Sidewalks were installed at the Intersection of Central Ave. and Lake Ave. to Provide a Safer Route to School for our Children

A New Police Vehicle was Purchased with Cash (no new debt) and Placed into Service

The Borough Government Access Channel is now on the Air and can be Viewed on Comcast Channel 30 and Verizon Fios Channel 22

Our Historic Street Name Posts were Refurbished and Painted

Our Fire Hydrants were Painted

Our Water Tower was Cleaned of all Mold Growth

Throughout the Medical Emergency Created by the COVID Pandemic our Essential Government Services have Continued to Operate; Administrative Functions, Emergency Management, Fire Company, First Aid Squad and Public Works thanks to the Dedication of our Employees and Volunteers

Along with our Church and School Partners we Conducted Several Food Drives to Keep our Pantry Stocked and our Residents in Need had Food and Holiday Gifts Delivered

Our Police Department has a Change of Watch as we send Farewell to Captain Arnold and thanked him for his Service to the Borough; Sergeant Rutledge is now in Command. Following the Change in Command our Police Operations were reviewed by the Prosecutors Office for Compliance.

New Gas Mains were Put in Place by NJ Natural Gas on Several Streets in the Borough Ahead of Planned Paving Work that is Upcoming

For the First Time in Borough History we Completed the Bond Rating Process with Moodys which Allowed us to Bond our Long Term Debt at a Fair Interest Rate

Revitalization of our Central Avenue Business District is Underway with Several Buildings Already Renovated and New Businesses Moving In

The Old Gas Station (Garage) on Central Avenue was Finally Removed and Work is Underway to Redevelop that Site

All Construction Office, Code Enforcement and Zoning Enforcement Functions have been Returned to the Borough under our Administration

Our Plans for 2021 and 2022 are Equally Ambitious and Include:

Lake Avenue Phase 2 Paving to Also Include Garden Ave., East End Ave. and the Remainder of West End Ave. (State Grant)

Restoration and Paving of Camp Walk, Highland Ave. and Bend (State Grant)

A New Water Main Extension for Lake Drive and Holly Ave. to Include Fire Hydrant Improvements Throughout the Borough

A Comprehensive Study of our Water/Sewer Infrastructure

Additional Sidewalks and Curbing for Safe Routes to School (\$38,000 County Grant)

New Playground and Restoration Equipment Around the Borough (\$10,000 Sustainable New Jersey Grant)

We will ask the County to Complete the Paving of River Ave., Ocean Ave. and Van Sant Ave.

Placement of a Historic Marker at the Wanamaker Complex

Restoration of the Historic Wanamaker Gazebo

Restoration and Paving of Bay Ave., East End Ave., Dirmitt Ave. and Thomas Ave. (State Grant)

Wanamaker Beach (Summit Ave.) Replenishment with Beach Sand

Purchase of a New Mason Dump Truck and Yard Waste Vacuum Machinery

My Thanks to:

Borough Administrative Staff  
Director Brodbeck

Sergeant Rutledge  
Our Council Members and Council President  
Our Planning Board Members  
Our Recreation Committee Members

And my Best Wishes to All for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy and Prosperous 2021!

Mr. Fumo – Our Grade School has moved to Phase II of their COVID Opening Plan with all students attending for a 2/3 classroom day. Central Regional Schools are going to a 3 day week of in-person school.

On January 5, 2021, the I.H. School Board will have their Reorganization Meeting.

Ms. Thompson – As we discussed earlier our Government Access Television Channel is up on Comcast Channel 30 and Verizon Fios Channel 22. Any resident who has photos or videos that might be appropriate as content on the channel should forward these items to the Borough Clerk for review. I wish to commend our Public Works Director – Mr. Brodbeck, he responded to some water/sewer emergencies over the Thanksgiving Holiday and we can always count on him. Mr. Brodbeck will also be serving as the Chief of our Fire Company this year and we appreciate all that he does for the Borough.

My thanks to the Mayor for that great list of accomplishments and the great work he is doing for the Borough.

Ms. Pendleton – A reminder from our County Board of Health to please continue to practice your COVID safety protocols during the Holiday Season, we all have to do our part to keep everyone safe.

Congratulations to Tanara Hall on being named a Sustainability Hero for December, 2020. Tanara is a first generation American from Costa Rica where she earned her degree in Environmental Health and she takes protecting our environment very seriously. She is very active with our Borough Environmental Committee and Green Team Initiative.

Tanara is employed by our County Solid Waste Department and through her position there she spreads the work on recycling and reusing whenever possible. She has organized thirteen communities around the County for sustainability campaigns. Her “second chance” toy drive collected over 500 toys to be distributed in 2019.

Tanara works to promote “zero waste” events with our Borough Organizations and she has found great success with her composting programs and waste collection at events like our Trunk or Treat Night. Our thanks to Tanara for her dedication to our environment locally and around our County and beyond.

The Wanamaker Historical Marker and Sign is at the sign printer and should be to us in the next month. The sign will be 24” x 36” with an aluminum base.

Mr. Baxter – Our Construction Office has remained busy throughout since opening in July, they have collected over \$27,000.00 in fees since opening.

Our PD (Detective Curtis) delivered another baby, that is two in two years for our PD. Our First Aid Squad and Police Department continue with Holiday Toy Drives and Food Drives to restock our Food Pantry.

**ADJOURNMENT@7:40 PM by Unanimous Consent**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sean Asay  
Borough Clerk**

## PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

### Items of Interest:

- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Planning Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.

#### **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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