

# Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2021

## **MAYOR DOYLE read the following:**

This Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights is Hereby Called to Order. Notice of this Meeting was Provided in Accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by Publication in the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger on December 5, 2020 and Notice was Also Posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, on the Borough Television Channel and the Borough Website.

## **MAYOR DOYLE led all in the:**

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

## **MAYOR DOYLE requested a:**

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

Council Member Baxter	Present _____	Absent X
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 introduced the:**

## **MUNICIPAL BUDGET Resolutions:**

Resolution 2021-56 Approving Amendments to the Temporary Appropriations Previously Approved on January 4, 2021

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
 Second: Ms. Pendleton

Comments/Discussion: None

Resolution 2021-67 Approving and Providing for Transfers Between Certain Appropriations Contained in the 2020 Municipal Budget

Motion: Mr. Gabriel  
 Second: Mr. Weber

Comments/Discussion: None

Resolution 2021-57 Approving the Introduction of the 2021 Municipal Budget for the Borough of Island Heights and Setting the Public Hearing Date for the Proposed Budget for April 27, 2021 at 7 PM at Borough Hall

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
 Second: Mr. Fumo

Comments/Discussion: None

Resolution 2021-58 Approving the Reading by Title Only of the 2021 Municipal Budget for the Borough of Island Heights at the Public Hearing on April 27, 2021 at 7 PM

Motion: Mr. Fumo  
 Second: Ms. Thompson

Comments/Discussion: None

Voting Record for Resolutions 2021-56, 2021-57, 2021-58 and 2021-67:

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

**MAYOR DOYLE introduced:**

**ORDINANCE – 2021-05:**

Introduction and First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2021-05 – Establishing a Municipal Cap Bank

Motion to Introduce and Approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2021-05 by Title:

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Mr. Fumo

Voting Record:

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

**ORDINANCE 2021-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ALLOWING THE BOROUGH TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK IN KEEPING WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A 40A: 4-45.14 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to the cost of living adjustment declared by the State of New Jersey (1.0%) unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions, and;

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 2.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$58,919.73 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights, a majority of the full authorized membership of the governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Island Heights shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 2.5%, amounting to \$58,919.73, and that the CY 2021 municipal budget for the Borough of Island Heights be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance, and;

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years, and;

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction, and;

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon; be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

### **NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights on March 23, 2021 and will be further considered for final passage and adoption at **Borough Hall**, Island Heights, New Jersey 08732 on April 27, 2021 at **7:00 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached on the agenda, at which time and place all persons interested therein shall be given an opportunity to be heard, and during the week prior to, and up to and including, the date of such meeting, copies of said Ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office in the Borough of Island Heights to the members of the general public who shall request same.

SEAN ASAY  
Borough Clerk

**MAYOR DOYLE introduced the:**

### **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Resolution 2021-59                      Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting  
Conducted on March 9, 2021

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Comments/Discussion: None

Voting Record:

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

**MAYOR DOYLE introduced the:**

**RESOLUTIONS on the CONSENT AGENDA:**

Resolution 2021-60            Certifying Borough Compliance with the United States Equal Opportunity Commission’s Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2021-61            Authorizing the Clerk to Issue an Off Premises 50/50 Raffle License to the John F. Peto Museum, Incorporated of Island Heights for a Drawing to be Held on August 6, 2021

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2021-62            Approving the Awarding of a Contract for the Lake Avenue Phase II Road Improvement Project to Earle Asphalt of Wall, New Jersey in an Amount not to Exceed \$297,813.13

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2021-63            Expressing the Support of the Mayor and Council for the Efforts of our State Representatives to Amend Assembly Bill 21 (Legalization of Marijuana for Recreational Use) to Assure the Safety of our Residents and Law Enforcement Officers

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2021-64            Declaring Island Heights to be a “Stigma Free Zone” for Persons Dealing with and Seeking Assistance and Treatment for Mental Illness

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2021-65            Approving the Use of the Central Avenue Pavilion for a Wedding Ceremony by James Connell on May 22, 2021 from 3 PM to 4 PM

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Mr. Gabriel

Comments/Discussion for Council Members of Items on the Consent Agenda:

None

Comments/Discussion from the Floor of Items on the Consent Agenda:

None

Adoption of all of the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda:

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Voting Record:

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

**Voting Note: Ms. Pendleton abstains as to Resolution 2021-61**

**MAYOR DOYLE introduced the:**

**BILL LIST AND PROCUREMENTS**

Resolution 2021-66

Approving Payment of all of the Items on the Bill List Submitted by the Purchasing Agent and:

Payment to S & G Paving in the Amount of \$63,909.30

Payment to Bonnie J. Rose Design in the Amount of \$325.00

And a Procurement:

A Polaris Ranger 570 from A.C. Cycle Center for an Amount not to Exceed \$11,083.00

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Weber

Discussion/Comments: Mayor Doyle – the Polaris Ranger is primarily for use by our Police

Department and the funds to purchase it were donated to the Borough by an individual who wishes to remain anonymous.

Voting Record:

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

**Mayor Doyle opened the:**

**DISCUSSION & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**Tara Church** – Our Borough, through the work of our Environmental Committee has been recognized for achievement as a small town by Sustainable New Jersey and we have been recertified at Silver Status which was first achieved in 2017. The award that the Borough achieved was presented by Ms. Church to the Mayor and Council to be displayed in the Borough Offices and on our television channel.

Lucy Sheer worked to help the Borough receive a \$500 grant to pay for plantings in the Borough and particularly on Earth Day, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

The new drain and curbing installed on West End Avenue last year has caused flooding in front of my property on West End Avenue.

**Mr. Gabriel** – We will investigate the drainage issue on West End Avenue.

**Bob MacNeal** – Please clean up after your dogs.

**GOVERNING BODY REPORTS**

**Mr. Fumo** – Our Elementary School students are back to in person learning five days a week and the regular State Testing will occur this year. Parents and students have been reminded that if they travel out of State over the Spring Break they must quarantine for ten days.

**Mr. Weber** – The First Aid Squad will be having their Annual Flower Sale over the Easter Weekend. Gary Stocco passed his State Exam and is now a Licensed EMT.

The Fire Company responded to the recent brush fire in Ocean County and did a great job, terrific teamwork among all of the first responders.

Our Police Department issued 83 summonses for the month of January and 67 in February, primarily for traffic violations and speed enforcement has been a focus.

April is autism awareness month.

**Mr. Gabriel** – DPW has been a bit short handed due one ill employee and one on paternity leave.

Our roll off truck has been down for major repairs which slows down the hauling of our recycling bins and yard waste to the County.

DPW installed new crosswalk signs in the area of our school to improve safety for pedestrians.

A new sign was installed by DPW on the side of our Post Office.

The brush fire that our Fire Company responded to recently was a very dangerous situation and a real threat to persons and property. In all, forty seven fire companies responded and two commercial buildings suffered severe damage. Our Fire Company worked to protect residential areas by controlling hot spots keeping the fire from spreading. We thank all of those who give of their time in this way to keep us all safe.

**Ms. Pendleton** – Our Community Garden has two beds left for this season, contact the Borough Office for details.

Our Recreation Committee will be running an Easter Egg Hunt on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. The Committee will be meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> to begin planning for the spring and summer.

Our Board of Health and other volunteers have been working to get COVID vaccination appointments for our residents in need with great success.

We continue to seek vendors for a Farmers Market this summer and any interested vendors should contact me through the Borough Office.

Congratulations to our Environmental Committee Members for all of their achievements that were announced this evening.

**Mayor Doyle** – No dogs are permitted on the Boardwalk which is from the curb on River Avenue to the River Edge.

The speeding on River Avenue is being addressed by our Police Department. It is a County Road and they set the speed limit, not the Borough.

Our residents are very excited to see the COVID situation winding down with some return to normalcy, please do everything to continue to stay safe.

In addition to a new sign our Post Office has received flooring, lighting and new paint. We are still working on improving customer service with the Postal Service.

Yesterday was World Water Day, we should be thankful to our DPW staff for the operation of our great water system.

**ADJOURNMENT occurred at 7:45 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, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:15 PM at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Planning Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education building, Forest Hills Parkway, Bayville.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ **All municipal offices will be closed** on Monday, May 31, 2021 in observance of Memorial 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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