

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

April 27, 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 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 introduced the:

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2021-05 - Establishing a Municipal Cap Bank - Second Reading and Public Hearing

Mayor Doyle read the following:

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2021-05 is now open, persons wishing to comment on the proposed Ordinance please ask to be recognized and state your name for the record.

Public Comments:

None

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Close Public Hearing:

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Mr. Fumo

Voice Vote:

In Favor: Unanimous

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2021-05 as Introduced:

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Comments/Discussion: 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.

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

Ordinance 2021-06 – Capital Projects – Introduction and First Reading

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Introduce and Approve Proposed Ordinance 2021-06 by Title

Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Ms. Thompson

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.

ORDINANCE 2021-06

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS AND APPROPRIATING \$235,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND THEREFOR

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The improvements described in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Island Heights, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"), as general capital improvements. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$235,000 as required by the Local Bond Law. The total sum is now available by virtue of surplus funds available within the Capital Improvement Fund.

SECTION 2.

The Borough hereby authorizes the appropriation of \$235,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the following various capital improvements, in the following amounts, including all materials and work necessary or incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto:

- (a) Purchase of Mason Dump Truck \$80,000;
- (b) Erosion Repair at Long Point \$65,000;
- (c) Construction of Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts \$80,000;
- (d) Repair Portions of Boardwalk \$10,000.00.

SECTION 3.

The improvements described in Section 2 of this ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

SECTION 4.

Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 2 hereof shall be applied to the direct payment of the cost of the improvements.

SECTION 5.

The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget will be filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 6.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication as required by law.

BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Sean Asay
Borough Clerk

FIRST READING: April 27, 2021
PUBLICATION: May _____, 2021
FINAL READING: June 15, 2021
PUBLICATION WITH STATEMENT: June ____, 2021

Ordinance 2021-07 – Amending and Supplementing Borough Code Chapter 7 - Traffic – Introduction and First Reading

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Introduce and Approve Proposed Ordinance 2021-07 by Title

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Weber

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.

ORDINANCE 2021-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOROUGH CODE CHAPTER 7 - TRAFFIC

(Items underlined are New Language)

(Items in Bracket [] are Thus Deleted)

§ 7-3.3 Parking Prohibited at All Times, on Certain Streets.

Name of Street	Side(s)	Location
<u>River Ave</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>From the Northeast Corner at the Intersection with Ocean Avenue To the Southerly Corner of the Property Line of Block 1 – Lot 1.03 (28 River Avenue)</u>

§ 7-3.4 Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Streets.

a.

No person shall park [, stop, idle, or permit to park, stop or idle] any motor vehicle (including motorcycles), nor shall any vehicle be parked, stopped, or idled, between the hours specified below on any day [, except Sundays and public holidays, upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets].

Name of Street	Side	Hours	Location
<u>Lake Drive</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>10:00 PM Through 6:00 AM</u>	<u>Parking Area the Termination of Lake Drive (Boy Scout Island)</u>

Name of Street	Side	Hours	Location
Ocean Avenue	South	10:00 PM	East End
		Through	(Long Point Beach
		6:00 AM	Angle Parking Spaces)
Summit Avenue	Any	10:00 PM	East End
		Through	(Wanamaker Beach Parking
		6:00 AM	Area)

§ 7-5 **ONE-WAY STREETS.**

Name of Street	Direction	Limits
Simpson Avenue	North	From Summit Avenue to
[8:00 AM to 4:00 PM}		Lake Avenue

§ 7-11 **SPEED LIMITS.**

Name of Street	Speed Limit	Location
West End Avenue	25	[River Avenue to Summit Avenue]
		<u>From the Southerly Intersection</u>
		<u>With River Avenue to the</u>
		<u>Northerly Intersection with River</u>
		<u>Avenue</u>
West End Avenue		[County – Summit Avenue to Route
		37]
		<u>County Street – From the Northerly</u>
		<u>Intersection with River Avenue to</u>
		<u>The Intersection with State Highway</u>
		<u>37</u>

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SEAN ASAY
Borough Clerk

MAYOR DOYLE:

MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Mayor Doyle entertained a Motion to Adopt:

Resolution 2021-74 Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Assume the Responsibility for the Annual Budget Examination in Keeping with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Mr. Fumo

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.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Municipal Budget for 2021:

Mayor Doyle read the following:

The Public Hearing on the Proposed Municipal Budget for 2021 is now open, persons who wish to comment on the Proposed Budget, please ask to be recognized and state your name for the record.

Public Comments:

None

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Close Public Hearing:

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Voice Vote:

In Favor: Unanimous

Mayor Doyle entertained a Motion to Adopt:

Resolution 2021-67 Adopt the 2021 Proposed Municipal Budget as Introduced:

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Fumo

Comments/Discussion: None

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

MAYOR DOYLE introduced the:

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Doyle entertained a Motion to Adopt:

Resolution 2021-68 Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting Conducted on March 23, 2021

Motion: Mr. Fumo
Second: Mr. Weber

Comments/Discussion: None

Voting Record:

Mr. Baxter	Mr. Fumo	Mr. Gabriel	Ms. Pendleton	Ms. Thompson	Mr. Weber	Mayor Doyle
Yes/ <u>Abs.</u>	<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 2021-69 Authorizing the Hiring of Julianne Esposito as a Part Time Administrative Assistant at an Hourly Rate of \$15.00 with an Effective Date of May 1, 2021
Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Ms. Pendleton
- Resolution 2021-70 Authorizing the Hiring of Teri Sisia as a Part Time Deputy Code Enforcement Officer at an Hourly Rate of \$12.50 with an Effective Date of April 17, 2021
Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Baxter
- Resolution 2021-71 Approving the Proposal from the Borough Engineer for Services Related to the Long Point Restoration and Stabilization Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,750.00
Motion: Mr. Fumo
Second: Mr. Gabriel
- Resolution 2021-72 Authorizing Recognition by the Borough in the Event that a Lien is Filed as a Result of a Mortgage Loan on Block 39.02 – Lot 2 – 15 Lake Avenue – Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company
Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Ms. Pendleton
- Resolution 2021-73 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Issue Estimated Property Tax Bills for the Third Quarter of 2021 using a Rate of \$2.02 per One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Value
Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Baxter
- Resolution 2021-75 Approving the Cancellation of Property Taxes in the Amount of \$353.31 on Block 39.02 – Lot 3.07 – 158 West End Avenue
Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Weber
- Resolution 2021-76 Authorizing the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate # 08-004 Payable to Life Center Academy of Burlington, New Jersey in the Amount of \$19,934.96
Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Mr. Fumo

- Resolution 2021-77 Approving the Issuance of a Social Affairs Permit to the John F. Peto Studio Museum, Inc. for August 6, 2021 at the Island Heights Yacht Club
- Motion: Mr. Weber
 Second: Mr. Fumo
- Resolution 2021-78 Approving the Use of the Central Avenue Pavilion by Maryann Hartos for a Wedding Ceremony on August 14, 2021 Between the Hours of 3 PM and 4 PM
- Motion: Mr. Weber
 Second: Ms. Thompson
- Resolution 2021-79 Approving the Use of the Central Avenue Pavilion by Tracy Laliberte for a Wedding Ceremony on September 25, 2021 Between the Hours of 11:30 AM and 12 Noon
- Motion: Mr. Baxter
 Second: Mr. Fumo
- Resolution 2021-80 Authorizing the Mayor, the Superior Officer of the Police Department and the Borough Clerk to enter into an Agreement with the Ocean County Joint Insurance Fund to Receive Funding for Police Department Accreditation
- Motion: Mr. Weber
 Second: Ms. Pendleton
- Resolution 2021-81 Approving the Use of the Wanamaker Complex by the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company for a Car Show on August 21, 2021 (Rain Date August 22, 2021) and Authorizing the Issuance of a Social Affairs Permit for the Event
- Motion: Ms. Pendleton
 Second: Mr. Baxter
- Resolution 2021-82 Approving the Issuance of a Social Affairs Permit to the Ocean County Artists Guild for June 11, 2021 at their Building
- Motion: Ms. Thompson
 Second: Mr. Baxter

- Resolution 2021-83 Approving the Use of the Central Avenue Pavilion by Melanie Lumi for a Wedding Ceremony on June 26, 2021 Between the Hours of 2 PM and 3 PM
- Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Ms. Pendleton
- Resolution 2021-84 Approving the Use of the Memorial Field by Sally Harrison of the Island Heights Branch of the Ocean County Public Library for “Story Time” on July 6th and August 10, 2021 Between the Hours of 11 AM and 12 Noon
- Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Mr. Fumo
- Resolution 2021-85 Approving the Use of the Pickleball Courts by Penny Hagan (Island Heights Parent Teach Organization) (PTO) for a Pickleball Tournament (Fundraiser) on May 15, 2021 (Rain Date May 22, 2021)
- Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Ms. Pendleton
- Resolution 2021-86 Approving the Use of the Wanamaker Complex for a Virtual 5 K (Participant Bag Pickup) by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Toms River on April 30th and May 1, 2021 Between the Hours of 7 AM and 7 PM
- Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Mr. Baxter
- Resolution 2021-87 Authorizing the Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Clerk to enter into an Agreement with FIA Card Services under State Contract T-1654 to Obtain a Purchasing Card
- Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Mr. Fumo
- Resolution 2021-88 Approving the Reappointment of Martin Lynch as Tax Assessor for the Borough for a Term of Four Years beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2025 at an Annual Salary of \$16,918.20

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2021-89

Approving the Proposed Enhancement Plan for Borough Owned Property Located at Block 26 – Lot 1 – Corner of Van Sant and Simpson Avenues

Motion: Mr. Fumo

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2021-90

Approving the Use of Borough Property Located at the Corner of Van Sant Avenue and Simpson Avenue by Joan Seele-Goold to Conduct Music Classes on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from May 4th to June 26th 2021 Between the Hours of 10 AM and 11 AM

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Fumo

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

Ms. Thompson – How much do we anticipate spending on the improvements to our lot at Simpson and Van Sant

Mayor Doyle – We have set aside up to \$5,000 in our budget for the improvements

Mr. Fumo – I think the improvement of this public property is a great idea.

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

None

Mayor Doyle entertained a Motion for the:

Adoption of all of the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda:

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Voting Record:

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

Note: Mr. Baxter and Ms. Pendleton abstain as to Resolution 2021-77

Mr. Gabriel abstains as to Resolution 2021-81

MAYOR DOYLE introduced the:

BILL LIST AND PROCUREMENTS

Resolution 2021-91

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

Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky - \$2,265.38

Bonnie J. Rose Design - \$1,370.00

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Mr. Gabriel

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.

DISCUSSION & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS

Mayor Doyle – It has been a very busy April as our residents and guests are emerging from their COVID lockdowns and the Borough is receiving all kinds of complaints, many are complaints are about their neighbors. People complain about dog owners who don’t clean up. The dog owners complain about the dog receptacles being full, emptying them can be a full time job for Public Works. Some people think they should be allowed to have their dogs on the beach or the boardwalk. I have lived here for sixty years plus and have never walked my dog on the boardwalk it’s not sanitary.

Our residents complain about our non-resident visitors. Our non-resident visitors complain that they need a recreation badge to use our facilities. They complain about the fact we are a “carry in - carry out” community, they want us to have garbage cans at our public spaces.

Some residents think that we should have trash cans at our public spaces. A reminder that we tried for years to have garbage cans along the boardwalk and at other public spaces but they have

to be emptied seven days a week and the seagulls pull the trash out of them creating more garbage and a real mess.

Fishermen complain that they need to have a recreation badge, our residents complain about the fishermen who populate our waterfront and cut their bait on our picnic tables. The crabbers are coming soon and then you will wish for the fishermen to come back.

People don't want to get permits to do work on their property but they are quick to complain when their neighbor does work without a permit.

Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous complain about everything, we get ten calls a day at Borough Hall.

Our seasonal residents don't think they should have to pay a water bill when they are not here using the water, but everyone who is connected to our public utility has to contribute to keep it operating so it will be there when you need it.

Please mow your grass in the afternoon on Sunday not at 8 MA or maybe just before dark. Being a good neighbor starts with you.

No, you can't have chickens and pigs on your property in the Borough, if you want to live on a farm they are available. No, you can't run an auto repair business in the street in front of your house and you can't hoard possessions on your property to the point that they become a danger or a public nuisance. It's not fair to your neighbors and it can lower the value of their homes and civil litigation against home owners with this affliction is becoming common place in every state.

I think we all get the gist, celebrate what you have and try talking to your neighbor first. You might be surprised how nice they will be about your concerns.

The work towards Accreditation of our Police Department will begin in June and may take up to one year to complete but this is an important step towards further professionalization of our Department and it will ultimately protect the Borough in any litigation and will reduce our liability insurance rates.

I spoke to the Third Grade Class at our Elementary School today about the history and governance of our Borough, they are a great group and they had some excellent questions ready for me.

Ocean County has taken over the day to day maintenance of our Library as well the expense of all utilities, already they have made many improvements to the building and the exterior appearance.

Mr. Gabriel – Our DPW staff has been working very hard to get our public spaces ready for visitors as the weather is improving and COVID is fading. DPW will be assisting a contractor who will be replacing several water mains in the Borough as well as about a dozen fire hydrants that need repair or replacement. Finding part time help for DPW has been very difficult given the economic conditions, if you know anyone who is interested in working for the Borough please have them contact the office.

Mr. Baxter – The warmer weather has also called for increased quality of life enforcement by our code team, over 400 recreation badges have been sold to date. Please be reminded that there are no pets allowed on the boardwalk and no feeding of waterfowl. Construction Office inspections continue at a brisk pace and we have five new homes under construction and five more that are in the planning stages.

MS. PENDLETON – THE EARTH DAY CELEBRATION WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH A GREAT TURN OUT FROM THE COMMUNITY. THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HAD BOOTHS SET UP WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND RECYCLING INFORMATION, A PLANT GIVE AWAY AND A TOY DRIVE DROP OFF. FAMILIES WERE HAVING FUN WITH THE SCAVENGER HUNT. THE BIOSWALE WAS CLEANED UP, COMPOST WAS SPREAD AND ADDITIONAL NATIVE TREES WERE PLANTED. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. A BIG THANKS TO BOY SCOUT TROOP #50 FROM THE TOMS RIVER ELKS FOR ALL THEIR HELP. AFTER CAMPING OUT OVER NIGHT ON WANAMAKER FIELD, THEY WERE UP AT 7:30 HAD THEIR BREAKFAST AND THEY WERE READY TO GO TO WORK. THEY HAULED MULCH TO THE COMMUNITY GARDEN, SPREAD COMPOST AND HELPED WITH PLANTING THE NATIVE TREES IN THE BIOSWALE, THEIR ENERGY AND DETERMINATION WAS INFECTIOUS.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN IS LOOKING SUPER AFTER ALL THE WORK DONE ON SATURDAY, THERE WAS A GREAT TURN OUT OF GARDENERS TO HELP SPREAD MULCH IN COMMON PATHWAYS AND MANY OF THE BEDS WERE WEEDED AND PLANTED FOR THIS SEASON.

THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MET THIS PAST WEEK FOR THEIR 2021 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WITH PARTICIPATION FROM THE PTO AND THE PBA. A LOT OF GREAT IDEAS WERE EXCHANGED AMONG ATTENDEES AND THEY HAVE A GREAT YEAR PLANNED WITH LOTS OF NEW IDEAS. MOVIE NIGHTS WILL NOW BE A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE PTO, PBA AND RECREATION COMMITTEE WITH THE 3 GROUPS SHARING RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPENSES. IT HAS BECOME A TRUE COMMUNITY PROJECT WITH PTO DONATING THE SCREEN, THE PBA SHARING IN THE ROYALTY EXPENSE AND RECREATION

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING THE FOOTINGS IN THE GROUND FOR THE SCREEN. THE CURRENT PLAN IS TO HAVE 3 MOVIE NIGHTS THIS SUMMER.

OUR BOARD OF HEALTH WANTS TO REMIND EVERYONE WHO HAS NOT YET BEEN VACCINATED TO PLEASE GET YOUR VACCINATION. IT HAS BEEN PROVEN TO BE SAFE AND AFFECTIVE AND GETTING VACCINATED WILL PUT AN END TO THIS PANDEMIC.

I AM STILL WORKING ON SIGNING UP VENDORS FOR THE FARMERS MARKET FOR THIS SUMMER. I HAVE 3 VENDORS LINED UP AT THIS TIME AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE 3-4 MORE.

There will be a new exhibit opening at the Peto Museum on April 30th, please come and check it out.

Ms. Thompson – Our Borough Website you can now read several editions of the former Island Heights Trunk Line, they can be found on the History Page. All of our 2020 Ordinances are on the Ordinance Page as well.

I want to thank our Mayor and staff for helping to produce a flat budget that helps to keep our property taxes stable.

Earth Day was a great success and special thanks to the Boy Scouts, Tanara Hall, Mary Judge, Alan Fumo and Penny Hagan.

Mr. Weber – Our Police Department continues to deal with speed enforcement around the Borough as more drivers are returning to our roads.

Our First Aid Squad has answered seventy nine calls so far this year.

Our Fire Company has their Rescue Boat in the water and ready to handle any such emergencies.

Mr. Fumo – Earth Day was very productive and enjoyable for the Boy Scouts – Troop 50, along with the landscaping work they also repainted the curb for the drop off at the Elementary School and continued the painting of fire hydrants around the Borough. The whole day was a great success and the effort should grow in the future and we encourage all of our families to come out and participate next year and enjoy a great community day with your neighbors.

Our Elementary School is restarting gym classes next week and they are down to only three children who are still using a hybrid learning model. State testing of the students has been canceled for this year. Central Regional is starting at least three new academy style programs to teach students skill sets that they can use in future employment and they continue to expand their foreign language offerings. The High School is back to a five day a week in person schedule. The tax rate for School District should be dropping slightly this year.

The Friends of the Library are returning to in person meetings and they are seeking volunteers to serve as Trustees of the Library.

ADJOURNMENT occurred at 7:50 PM by Unanimous Consent.

PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

Items of Interest:

- ❑ 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 Planning Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 9, 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, June 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education building, Forest Hills Parkway, Bayville.
- ❑ **All municipal offices will be closed** on Monday, July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence 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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