

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 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:

ORDINANCE 2021-10

Introduction and First Reading

Motion to Waive Reading and Approve Ordinance 2021-10 as Introduced

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Ms. Pendleton

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 2021-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEWJERSEY, AMENDING BOROUGH CODE CHAPTER 7 – “TRAFFIC”

Language that is Underlined is new language and shall thus replace the existing language in the Ordinance.

§ 7-6.2 Stop Intersections.

[Ord. No. 75-7; Ord. No. 97-03 § 1; Ord. No. 97-11 § 1; Ord. No. 97-13 § 1; Ord. No. 2005-07 § 3]

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-140, the following described intersections are hereby designated as stop intersections. Stop signs shall be installed as provided therein.

Intersection	Stop Sign(s) On
Bay Avenue and VanSant Avenue	Exit from Post Office
Bay Avenue and VanSant Avenue	Bay Avenue
Bay Avenue and Summit Avenue	Bay Avenue
East End Avenue and Summit Avenue	East End Avenue
East End Avenue and VanSant Avenue	East End Avenue
Ensor Place and Ocean Avenue	Ensor Place
Bayview and Ocean Avenue	Bayview
Cedar Place and Ocean Avenue	Cedar Place
Ocean Bend and Ocean Avenue	Ocean Bend
Holly Avenue and Ocean Avenue	Holly Avenue
Lake Drive and Ocean Avenue	Lake Drive
Highland Avenue and Ocean Avenue	Highland Avenue
Cedar Avenue and Ocean Avenue	Cedar Avenue
Cedar Avenue and VanSant Avenue	Cedar Avenue
Cedar Avenue and Summit Avenue	Cedar Avenue
Beech Avenue and VanSant Avenue	Beech Avenue
Beech Avenue and Summit Avenue	Beech Avenue

Intersection	Stop Sign(s) On
Tennent Avenue and VanSant Avenue	Tennent Avenue
Tennent Avenue and Summit Avenue	Tennent Avenue
Laurel Avenue and Ocean Avenue	Laurel Avenue
Laurel Avenue and VanSant Avenue	Laurel Avenue
Laurel Avenue and Summit Avenue	Laurel Avenue
Laurel Avenue and Lake Avenue	Laurel Avenue
Dirmitt Avenue and Bay Avenue	Dirmitt Avenue
Dirmitt Avenue and East End Avenue	Dirmitt Avenue
Thomas Avenue and East End Avenue	Thomas Avenue
Westray Avenue and East End Avenue	Westray Avenue
Cedar Place and Park Avenue	Cedar Place
Park Avenue and Ensor Place	Park Avenue
Park Avenue and Westray Avenue	Park Avenue
Fletcher Place and Ensor Place	Fletcher Place
Fletcher Place and Westray Avenue	Fletcher Place
East Camp Walk and Highland Avenue	East Camp Walk
West Camp Walk and Simpson Avenue	West Camp Walk
VanSant Avenue and Simpson Avenue	VanSant Avenue
Simpson Avenue and River Avenue	Simpson Avenue
Simpson Avenue and Summit Avenue	Simpson Avenue
Simpson Avenue and Lake Avenue	Simpson Avenue
Lake Avenue and Central Avenue	Lake Avenue
Summit Avenue and Central Avenue	<u>4-way stop</u>
Ocean Avenue and Central Avenue	<u>4-way stop</u>
Simpson Avenue and Ocean Avenue	Simpson Avenue
Jaynes Avenue and Lake Avenue	Jaynes Avenue
Jaynes Avenue and Summit Avenue	Jaynes Avenue
Jaynes Avenue and Ocean Avenue	Jaynes Avenue
Jaynes Avenue and River Avenue	Jaynes Avenue
Oak Avenue and Lake Avenue	Oak Avenue
Oak Avenue and Summit Avenue	Oak Avenue
Oak Avenue and Ocean Avenue	Oak Avenue
Oak Avenue and River Avenue	Oak Avenue
Maple Avenue and Lake Avenue	Maple Avenue
Maple Avenue and Summit Avenue	Maple Avenue
Maple Avenue and Ocean Avenue	Maple Avenue
Maple Avenue and River Avenue	Maple Avenue
Chestnut Avenue and Lake Avenue	Chestnut Avenue
Chestnut Avenue and Summit Avenue	Chestnut Avenue
Chestnut Avenue and Ocean Avenue	Chestnut Avenue
Chestnut Avenue and River Avenue	Chestnut Avenue
West End Avenue and Summit Avenue	4-way stop

Intersection	Stop Sign(s) On
Sassafras Avenue and Summit Avenue	Sassafras Avenue
West End Avenue and Ocean Avenue	West End Avenue
West End Avenue and River Avenue	West End Avenue
Ocean Avenue and River Avenue	Ocean Avenue
Lake Avenue and West End Avenue	Lake Avenue
Lake Avenue and River Avenue	Lake Avenue
River Avenue and West End Avenue	River Avenue
Garden Avenue and West End Avenue	Garden Avenue
Garden Avenue and Maple Avenue	Garden Avenue
Maple Avenue and Route 37	Maple Avenue
Jackson Avenue and Maple Avenue	Jackson Avenue
Jackson Avenue and Route 37	Jackson Avenue
Garfield Avenue and Jackson Avenue	Garfield Avenue
Garfield Avenue and Garden Avenue	Garfield Avenue
Garden Avenue and Central Avenue	Garden Avenue
Jackson Avenue and Central Avenue	Jackson Avenue
Gilford Avenue and Jackson Avenue	Gilford Avenue
Central Avenue and Route 37	Central Avenue
Gilford Avenue and Garden Avenue	Gilford Avenue
Camp Walk and West Camp Walk	Camp Walk
East Camp Walk and Highland Avenue	East Camp Walk
Westray Avenue and Cedar Avenue	Westray Avenue

MAYOR DOYLE introduced the:

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Resolution 2021-143 Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting
Conducted on August 17, 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
<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.

MAYOR DOYLE introduced the:

RESOLUTIONS on the CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2021-144 Approving the Setting of Fees to be Charged by the Registrar for Certified Copies in Keeping with N.J.S.A. 26:8-25

Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Ms. Thompson

Resolution 2021-145 Authorizing the Borough Clerk, the Code Enforcement Officer and the Tax Collector to Abate the Property Conditions at Block 38.01 – Lot 13 – 213 Summit Avenue and Causing a Lien for the Certified Costs of Said Abatement to be Filed Against the Property

Motion: Mr. Fumo
Second: Mr. Gabriel

Resolution 2021-146 Approving the Use of the Central Avenue Pavilion by Priscilla Monteiro for a Wedding Ceremony on October 30, 2021 from 2 PM to 3 PM

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2021-147 Approving the Hourly Rates to be Charged and the Hourly Rates to be Paid by the Borough for Special Duty Police Assignments

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2021-148 Approving the Appointment of Rocco Mellott as a Police Officer for the Island Heights Police Department Working in a Part Time Capacity

Motion: Mr. Fumo
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2021-149 Approving the Use of the Central Avenue Pavilion by Kailey Savacool for a Wedding Ceremony on September 18, 2021 from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Motion: Mr. Baxter
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2021-150 Approving the Refund of a Road Opening Bond in the Amount of \$1,500 for Block 38.01 – Lot 10.01 – 220 Lake Avenue – Jason and Heather D’Amore

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2021-151 Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Enter Into an Agreement no later than December 31, 2021 with Non-Aligned Supervisory Employees to Allow the Borough to Purchase Unused Vacation Time from Said Employees that was Accumulated Due to the COVID 19 State of Emergency at a Rate of Seventy-Five Percent (75%) of Current Value

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Fumo

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

None

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

Beryl Edwards – My neighbor (Ms. Tompkins) is now in a nursing home and no one is living in the property, I am concerned about the maintenance and other issues.

Mayor Doyle – Speak to our Borough Clerk after the meeting and he will assist you with those issues.

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion for 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
<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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MAYOR DOYLE introduced the:

BILL LIST AND PROCUREMENTS

Resolution 2021-152

Approving Payment of all of the Items on the Bill List Submitted by the Purchasing Agent as Well as the Invoice from the Borough Attorney in the Amount of \$3,168.94

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Weber

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

Luis Taveras – I would like to commend those who worked on the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony, it was very well done.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS

Mr. Fumo – Our Elementary School and Central Regional Schools are open and operating on full schedules, at our Elementary School all students are attending classes in person. Our Library is open on a full-time schedule and they offer many great services to our residents, please visit and support our library.

Mr. Weber – Our First Aid Squad has received 201 calls to date and is much busier than in previous years with less staff. They are down to 3 EMT's and one driver, and are in need of volunteers to serve as EMTs and Drivers. Please consider helping out our Squad, if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gary Stocco through the Squad website or at the Borough Administration Office. The Squad Building is undergoing a number of renovations to include painting of the building with the help of an Eagle Scout Project and the Boy Scout Troop led by Council Member Fumo. After the building is painted, a new sign will be erected on the building.

Our thanks to Sgt. Rutledge and our Police Department as two of our Officers drove the ambulance on three different recent first aid calls in the Borough to our help residents get to the hospital in a timely manner. Thank you to our Mayor for promoting such teamwork among all of our first responders.

Our Police Department lost one of their Class II Officers to a full-time position with another Department, they will be interviewing candidates for the position.

Mr. Gabriel – Our Public Works has ordered the materials to continue construction of the replacement Wanamaker Gazebo, the supplies should begin to arrive in about two weeks.

Work continues on our new Public Space at the corner of Van Sant and Simpson Avenues, there will be several plantings and other improvements at the site.

We placed the order for the new DPW Mason Dump Truck, the dealer tells us it will take nine months for the truck to be delivered.

We have had some vandalism of signs at our public areas recently, our Police are investigating.

Mr. Baxter – The Borough has sold over 1375 recreation badges to date with strict enforcement from our Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Teri doing a great job all summer. Please be reminded that recreation badges are required year-round for fishing, crabbing, pickleball, tennis and the beach and they will continue to be checked.

The site plans for two new homes have been approved by the zoning officer and six new homes are under construction in the Borough with several more in the early planning stages.

Fees collected by our Construction Office to date total \$47,494 and the office has performed 507 inspections this year with only part time staff.

Ms. Pendleton – OUR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HAS ACCUMULATED 295 POINTS TOWARD THEIR GOAL OF 350 POINTS TO MAINTAIN OUR SILVER STATUS WITH SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY. WE CURRENTLY HAVE A 3 YEAR SILVER CERTIFICATION WHICH HAS TWO MORE YEARS. OUR COMMITTEE HAS BEEN RE-CERTIFYING EVERY YEAR EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT REQUIRED, THEY STILL HAVE UNTIL NOVEMBER 2021 TO CERTIFY FOR THIS YEAR. TARA CHURCH AND I WILL BE MEETING TO PLACE STAKES IN THE GROUND AT THE LOCATIONS THAT ARE DESIGNATED TO HAVE THE NEW RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IN DESIGNATED PLAYGROUNDS AROUND THE BOROUGH.

OUR THANKS TO OUR RECREATION COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEMBER FUMO FOR PUTTING TOGETHER SUCH A FUN AND CREATIVE PROGRAM FOR OUR KIDS THIS SUMMER THAT INCLUDED GAMES, SPORTS, CRAFTS, MOVIES AND EVEN CRABBING AND SEINING. EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME. AND THANKS TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PTO FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN MOVIE NIGHTS. I AM SURE THE KIDS WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER FUN SUMMER NEXT YEAR.

AS I REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO PUT TOGETHER AND TO SUSTAIN THE MARKET THIS SUMMER FOR VARIOUS REASONS. WE STARTED WITH A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT VENDORS, BUT THAT HAS DWINDLED TO ONLY ONE FARM VENDOR WHO WAS HERE MOST TUESDAYS. ALTHOUGH THEY HAD SOME TRUCK BREAK DOWNS, THEY WERE HERE MOST TUESDAYS. BECKAGE FARMS HAS BEEN VERY HAPPY WITH THE TURN OUT AND SUPPORT.

OUR BOARD OF HEALTH HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE CONDUCTED BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, AT OUR GRADE SCHOOL. WE HAD 45 RESIDENTS SIGN UP AND ALL BUT FOUR WERE CLEARED TO DONATE BLOOD. UNFORTUNATELY, A FEW DONORS HAD TO BE TURNED AWAY AT THE END OF THE NIGHT, DUE TO LACK OF SUPPLIES. I DON'T THINK THE RED CROSS WAS PREPARED FOR SUCH A GOOD TURN OUT. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE SO GENEROUSLY.

OUR NEW PUBLIC SPACE ON THE SITE OF THE OLD FIREHOUSE IS FINALLY BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE. THE SHRUBS FOR THE FALL PLANTING WILL BE DELIVERED TOMORROW, TOP SOIL IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, AND THE DPW INSTALLED A WATER SPIGOT ON THE PROPERTY. I AM MEETING WITH A COMMITTEE OF VOLUNTEERS ON THURSDAY, WHO ALONG WITH THE DPW, WILL HELP WITH THE PLANTING. AFTER PLANTING, WE WILL LAY DOWN A LAYER OF MULCH TO HELP MAINTAIN MOISTURE AND PROTECT THE NEW SHRUBS THROUGH THE WINTER. FALL PLANTING INCLUDES: LIMELIGHT & LITTLE LIME HYDRANGEAS, ENDLESS SUMMER BLUE HYDRANGEAS, BLUSHING BRIDE HYDRANGEAS, ANDROMEDAS, CREPE MYRTLES, BOXWOODS, AND LIRIOPE. SPRING PLANTING WILL INCLUDE: AZALEAS, RHODODENDRONS, LILACS, HYPERICUM AND LILIES. I WILL ALSO BE HOLDING A MEETING WITH THE FORMER CAMP MEETING RESTORATION GROUP TO WORK ON AN INTERPRETIVE SIGN TO BE INSTALLED ON THAT SITE, IT WILL TELL THE STORY OF THE CAMP MEETING GROUNDS HISTORY AS THE BIRTH PLACE OF OUR TOWN.

Ms. Thompson – Our thanks to our Borough Administrative Staff and their continuing work in organizing and preserving our Borough records that tell the story of our community. Many of these records have now been digitized and can be found on our Borough Website. Our oldest records that go back to the late 19th century can be viewed at the Borough Hall by appointment, please contact the Borough Clerk.

Our Water/Sewer Utility Clerk has been sending payment reminders to property owners who have past due balances, in total over \$100,000 is owed in unpaid utility charges. A twelve-month payment plan is now being offered to help our customers catch up on their bills. Please bring your account current as soon as you can so we can continue to provide these essential services without rate increases.

Mayor Doyle – On October 19th, our Methodist Church will be hosting a luncheon for all of our Borough Employees and First Responders to show their appreciation for their efforts.

The paving and restoration work planned for Highland Bend and Camp Walk is now scheduled for the spring due the detailed engineering work being done and the supply chain issues now due to COVID. As we will have other paving jobs in the spring, we should be able to bid them together and leverage some savings for the Borough.

As has been noted, our Public Works is continuing to work on the Wannamaker Gazebo Project and the placement of new Recreation Equipment.

Our Police Department is being proactive in enforcing our speed limits to keep our children and pedestrians safe.

Thank you all for coming tonight to hear the latest on our Borough, your interest makes a difference.

ADJOURNMENT occurred 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, October 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education building, Forest Hills Parkway, Bayville.
- ❑ **All municipal offices will be closed** on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 in observance of Election Day.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:15 PM at the Island Heights Grade School, 115 Summit Avenue, Island Heights.
- ❑ **All municipal offices will be closed** on Thursday, November 11, 2021 in observance of Veteran's Day.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Planning Board** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Environmental Committee** regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.
- ❑ The **Central Regional Board of Education** regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education building, Forest Hills Parkway, Bayville.
- ❑ **All borough offices** will be **closed** on Thursday, November 25, 2021 and Friday, November 26, 2021 in observance of Thanksgiving.
- ❑ The **Island Heights Mayor and Council** regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM held at the borough hall.

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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