

# Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2022

## **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 15, 2021 and Notice was Also Posted on the Bulletin Board at the Municipal Building, on the Borough Television Channel and the Borough Website.

## **MAYOR DOYLE LEAD ALL IN THE:**

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

## **MAYOR DOYLE REQUESTED THE:**

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

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:**

**ORDINANCE 2022-02 – ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAP BANK  
SECOND READING AND PROPOSED ADOPTION**

**MAYOR DOYLE READ THE FOLLOWING:**

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2022-02 –  
Establishment of a Cap Bank -  
is now open, persons who wish to comment, 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. Gabriel

Second: Mr. Weber

Voice Vote:            Yes: Unanimous            No \_\_\_\_\_

**MAYOR DOYLE ENTERTAINED A:**

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2022-02 as Proposed:

Motion: Mr. Weber

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 2022-02**

**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 (2.5%) 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 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$23,385.87 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 2022 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 1.0%, amounting to \$23,385.87 and that the CY 2022 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.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:**

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Resolution 2022-65                      Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council Conducted on March 15, 2022 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Ms. Thompson

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 2022-66                      Approving the Awarding of the 2020 DOT Municipal Aid Road Improvement Program Contract for Camp Walk and Highland Avenue to Earle Asphalt of Wall, New Jersey in an Amount Not to Exceed \$213,313.13

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2022-67                      Approving the Awarding of the 2021 DOT Municipal Aid Road Improvement Program

Contract for Bay, Dirmitt, East End and Thomas Avenues to Earle Asphalt of Wall, New Jersey in an Amount Not to Exceed \$208,913.13

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2022-68

Approving the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate # 19-00003 and Authorizing Payment to U.S. Bank of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the Amount of \$104,412.50

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Ms. Thompson

Resolution 2022-69

Approving the Use and Partial Closure of Chestnut Avenue by the Ocean County Artists Guild for their Artisans Market on September 24, 2022 Between the Hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Ms. Thompson

Resolution 2022-70

Approving Transfers Between Budget Appropriations Reserves Contained in the 2021 Municipal Budget

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Ms. Thompson

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

None

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

**Luis Taveras** – Do we have a rainy day fund?

**Mayor Doyle** – The Borough does accumulate fund balances from year to year that can be made available to deal with emergencies that may arise.

**MAYOR DOYLE ENTERTAINED A:**

Motion for Adoption of all of the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda:

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Mr. Gabriel

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:**

**BILL LIST AND PROCUREMENTS**

Resolution 2022-71

Approving Payment of all of the Items on the Bill List Submitted by the Purchasing Agent and the Invoice from Citta, Holzapfel and Zabarsky in the Amount of \$3,948.72 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Mr. Baxter

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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**MAYOR DOYLE OPENED THE:**

**DISCUSSION & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Public Comment):**

No Public Comments

## **MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:**

### **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Mr. Gabriel** – One of our Police Vehicles is out of service with a cracked subframe, there is some difficulty in obtaining replacement parts but the vehicle should be repaired in the next few weeks.

**Mr. Baxter** – I met with our Municipal Court Administrator recently, she advised that the Municipal Court proceedings will continue to occur virtually for now in most cases.

**Ms. Pendleton** – Our DPW has been busy with general sewer maintenance and repairs, storm drain clean outs and water/sewer hook ups for new construction.

The ignition system is being repaired on our backhoe; it should be back in service soon.

New lighting for the Wanamaker Flagpole that meets flag protocol has been installed; some additional work needs to be done on the new Gazebo lighting.

Six loads of fill have been delivered to Long Point to be spread along the bulkhead to replenish the soil lost as a result of several severe winter storms.

Our plan is to add to the shade tree canopy, so in the next few weeks we will planting shade trees around town in strategic places and also planting shrubs around the new gazebo.

The installation of our new playground/exercise equipment has begun as promised with the memorial field equipment installed, the Childrens Garden and the iron man workout area are next. The cold weather has prohibited pouring the concrete footings necessary for installation, work will continue when the weather warms to above forty degrees.

At our Police Station, the records and evidence rooms are now painted; we are waiting for the plans to be approved to improve the prisoner booking area.

**Mr. Fumo** – The next Island Heights School Board meeting is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our Elementary School will begin their spring break on April 15<sup>th</sup> with State Testing to begin on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Central Regional High School put on a very successful production of Godspell. The High School has constructed a new Baseball Field using donated funds and equipment, the field will be dedicated on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

The mask mandate at our Library branch has been lifted.

Our Recreation Committee will be running the Easter Egg Hunt on the morning of April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Wanamaker Field.

The Recreation Committee is working on a new event for Friday evenings in the summer, they hope to start on June 10<sup>th</sup> with activities, food trucks and a movie.

**Ms. Thompson** – Earth Day will be celebrated in the Borough on April 23<sup>rd</sup> with activities being organized by our Environmental Committee. Please check the Sustainable Island Heights Facebook page for more information and consider walking or biking to the Wanamaker Complex that morning.

I had the honor of accompanying our Mayor to the annual installation dinner of the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company. I was very impressed by the generational commitment of so many families to our Fire Company and the quality of their leadership. A thank you to our Mayor for the amazing support that he has given to our Fire Company and their new building project.

Our Quality of Life Committee met again last week and addressed the issue of boat parking on Borough Streets which is limited to three days per year as well as unnecessary vehicle idling at our public spaces. Residents and visitors should be aware that vehicle idling is limited to three minutes and this limit will be enforced by our Police Department.

**MAYOR DOYLE ENTERTAINED A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT AT 8:25 P.M.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sean Asay  
Borough Clerk**