

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

April 12, 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent _____
Council Member Fumo	Present _____	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (EXCUSED)
Council Member Gabriel	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent _____
Council Member Pendleton	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent _____
Council President Thompson	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent _____
Council Member Weber	Present _____	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Doyle	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent _____
Borough Attorney Mr. Zabarsky	Present _____	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (EXCUSED)

Mayor Doyle Introduced:

Our new Post Office – Officer in Charge – Carla Clay

Ms. Clay said that she has been designated the Officer in Charge of the Island Heights Post Office but she is not sure how long she will be staying in this Assignment as she is anticipating another transfer before the end of this Year. She said that while she is here, she is enjoying the view and working To make some positive changes at our Post Office.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:

**ORDINANCE 2022-03 – AMENDING CHAPTER 7 – TRAFFIC -
INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Introduce Ordinance 2022-03 as Proposed:

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Gabriel

Voting Record:

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

ORDINANCE 2022-03

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

(Items in bold and italics are thus amended)

Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Streets.

[Ord. No. 75-7; Ord. No. 2006-09 § I; amended 6-15-2021 by Ord. No. 2021-07]

a.

No person shall park any motor vehicle (including motorcycles), nor shall any vehicle be parked, stopped, or idled, between the hours specified below on any day. upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets.

Name of Street - Summit Avenue

Side - North

Hours

8:00 a.m. through **6:00 p.m.** (Between September 1 and July 1)

Location

From the northeast corner of Simpson Avenue and Summit Avenue-east along Summit Avenue to the legal boundary of the school property

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE 2022-04 – BOND ORDINANCE – AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-03 – REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION OF EAST CAMP WALK, WEST CAMP WALK, HIGHLAND AVENUE AND HIGHLAND BEND

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Introduce Ordinance 2022-04 as Proposed:

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Baxter

Voting Record:

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

ORDINANCE 2022-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03, ADOPTED ON MARCH 9, 2021, BY THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF EAST CAMP WALK, WEST CAMP WALK, HIGHLAND AVENUE AND HIGHLAND BEND

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council (the “**Borough**”), heretofore adopted Bond Ordinance No. 2021-03, entitled:

“BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF EAST CAMP WALK, WEST CAMP WALK, HIGHLAND AVENUE AND HIGHLAND BEND AND APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$190,000) TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$180,500) OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS”

(“**Bond Ordinance No. 3**”), pursuant to which the Borough authorized the issuance of bonds or notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$180,500 for the purpose of financing the costs of the reconstruction of East Camp Walk, West Camp Walk, Highland Avenue and Highland Bend (the “**Reconstruction Project**”); and,

WHEREAS, the bids received by the Borough of the Reconstruction Project have exceeded the amount appropriated for such project under Bond Ordinance No. 3; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believes it to be in the best interests of the residents of the Borough to increase the original appropriation for the Reconstruction Project as set forth in Bond

Ordinance No. 3 so that the bid for the Reconstruction Project may be awarded.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council (not less than two-thirds (2/3) of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), as follows:

Section 1.

(A) The “Appropriation and Estimated Cost” of the improvements described in Section 3 of Bond Ordinance No. 3 is hereby increased by \$140,000 from \$190,000 to \$330,000.

(B) As a result of the increase in the appropriation under Section (1)(A), above. the “Amount of Bonds or Notes” under Bond Ordinance No. 3 shall be increased by \$140,000 from \$180,500 to \$320,500 for the Reconstruction Project.

(C) The down payment for the Reconstruction Project as set forth in Bond Ordinance No. 3 shall remain unchanged at \$9,500 and no additional down payment will be required as this amendment authorizes obligations for a project that will be partially funded through grant monies.

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared and recited and stated:

(a) The average period of usefulness of said purposes authorized herein, taking into consideration the respective amounts of said obligations authorized for such purposes, computed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-22 shall remain unchanged at **10 years**.

(b) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been electronically filed in the office of the Director of the

Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by this amendment to Bond Ordinance No. 3 by the additional sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000), and the Bonds authorized by Bond Ordinance No. 3 as hereby amended will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(c) Amounts not exceeding One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) in the aggregate for interest on bonds, costs of issuing bonds, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses, a reasonable proportion of the compensation and expenses of employees of the Borough in connection with the improvements as authorized herein, and other items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 of the Local Bond Law have been included as part of the costs of said improvement and are included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

Section 3. Bond Ordinance No. 3 is hereby reaffirmed in its entirety and shall remain in full force except as modified herein.

Section 4. This Ordinance amending Bond Ordinance No. 3 shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law of New Jersey.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCE THE:

MUNICIPAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS:

EXAMINATION – PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED ADOPTION

Mayor Doyle entertained a Motion to Adopt:

Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough to Perform a Self-Examination of the 2022 Adopted Municipal Budget

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Baxter

Voting Record:

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

MAYOR DOYLE READ THE FOLLOWING:

The Public Hearing on the Proposed 2022 Municipal Budget for the Borough of Island Heights is now Open. Persons who wish to Comment on the Proposed Municipal Budget, please ask to be Recognized and State Your Name for the Record:

Public Comments:

Mayor Doyle – Our revenues are improving as we come out of the pandemic and while inflation is much higher than it has been in recent years, this Governing Body and our staff have worked to hold down costs in all of our operations. There will be no change to the Municipal Tax Rate for our property owners this year and this an accomplishment for which we can all be proud.

Our Borough has a robust system of checks and balances to watch every dollar and control spending. Our Administrative Office is staffed by part time employees and our union contracts for full time employees have phased out retiree health benefits for long term cost savings.

Mr. Gabriel – Remember that the Municipal portion of your property tax is only about one third of the total.

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Close Public Hearing:

Motion: Mr. Baxter
Second: Ms. Thompson

Voice Vote: Yes: Unanimous No_____

Mayor Doyle entertained a Motion to Adopt:

Resolution 2022-74 Approving the Adoption of the Proposed 2022 Municipal Budget for the Borough of Island Heights as Introduced

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Baxter

Mayor/Council Comments/Discussion: None

Voting Record:

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

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Resolution 2022-75 Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council Conducted on March 29, 2022 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Mr. Gabriel

Comments/Discussion: None

Voting Record:

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

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

RESOLUTIONS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2022-76 Approving the Cancellation of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council Scheduled for April 26, 2022 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2022-77

Authorizing the Refund of a Property Tax Overpayment on Block 38.02 – Lot 15 – 155 Lake Avenue to Joseph and Piangkeo Fallon in the Amount of \$5,458.61

Motion: Mr. Baxter

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2022-78

Authorizing the Tax Collector to Issue Estimated Property Tax Bills

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2022-79

Approving the Issuance of a Raffle License to the Ocean County Artists Guild for a Drawing to take place on September 24, 2022 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Gabriel

Second: Ms. Thompson

Resolution 2022-80

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Enter Into an Agreement with TGI Office Automation for the Provision of Copier Services to the Borough Administrative Office for a Period of Five Years in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,188.20 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2022-81

Approving the Application for Membership of Edward Brown III in the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2022-82

Approving the Use of the Camp Meeting Ground Pavilion by Steven Thieme for a Wedding Ceremony on June 5, 2022 Between the Hours of 3:15 P.M. and 4:15 P.M. (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Baxter

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2022-83

Approving the 2022 Roster for the Island Heights Community Garden (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2022-84

Approving the Hiring of Nicholas Cicalo as a Class II Officer for the Island Heights Police Department with an Effective Date of April 30, 2022

Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Mr. Gabriel

Resolution 2022-86

Encouraging the Ocean County Commissioners and the Members of the Central Regional and Island Heights School Boards to Join the Borough in Adopting a Budget that will Result in No Property Tax Rate Increase for our Property Owners

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Baxter

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

No comments

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

No comments

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

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

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Baxter

Voting Record:

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

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

BILL LIST AND PROCUREMENTS

Resolution 2022-85

Approving Payment of all of the Items on the Bill List Submitted by the Purchasing Agent (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Baxter

Second: Ms. Thompson

Discussion/Comments: None

Voting Record:

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

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

DISCUSSION & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Public Comment):

Al Nichols – Why do our children go to Central Regional Schools and not Toms River Schools?

I want to compliment our Public Works for the fine job they did cleaning up the Camp Meeting Grounds, I would ask that they try in the future to do it earlier in the spring.

Mayor Doyle – The Regional School District was created in the 1950s by the smaller towns as an alternative to paying the rates being set by Toms River Schools, it has been a good deal for our taxpayers.

Bob MacNeal – Our Elementary School is a great asset to this community, last year they were recognized as a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, one of only nine in New Jersey and 350 in the Country.

Luis Taveras – There is a ranking online of Ocean County schools and our school is ranked number one.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Pendleton – Our DPW backhoe has been repaired and is back in service.

New equipment has been installed at our playgrounds at the Wanamaker Complex and Memorial field.

We obtained clean fill and DPW placed it behind the bulkhead at long point where soil was lost to a late winter storm.

DPW continues with general maintenance on our waste water lines.

DPW replaced several burned out lights on our boardwalk.

A spring clean up at Camp Meeting Ground is scheduled for tomorrow.

In the coming weeks you will see:

- A continuation of boardwalk board replacement up to where the new section begins
- The planting of shade trees around town
- The installation of pavers to form a walkway at the new Wanamaker Gazebo and Interpretive sign.
- Sand replenishment at Wanamaker Beach

A reminder that Covid is surging in many areas, please get your booster shot when you are eligible.

On behalf of **Mr. Fumo** who could not be here tonight – The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success and thanks to all who volunteered and to our Police who attended and provided donuts for the children.

Thanks to our Boy Scout Troop that turned out to help with the clean up on Earth Day.

Mr. Baxter – Our Municipal Court continues to have move proceedings via Zoom.

Our Construction Office has processed \$23,500 in permits so far this year.

Mr. Gabriel – A thanks to our DPW for their assistance at our Police Station with critters who were visiting the attic, the holes have been repaired and the animals relocated.

Ms. Thompson – On Earth Day (April 23rd) we are planning for several clean ups around the Borough including at our Community Garden. We will start at 9 AM at the Wanamaker Complex. Please try to bike or walk to the event to avoid the use of cars.

Our First Aid Squad thanks the Borough for their help in installing a decontamination shower at their building. The Squad reminds everyone that their annual Easter Flower Sale will be on this year starting on the Thursday before Easter.

Thank you to our new Post Office OIC for joining us tonight. She has agreed to work to return a stamp vending machine to the lobby area. A reminder that first class stamps will be going to sixty cents on July 10th.

Mayor Doyle – Our capital plan this year will fund soffit repairs and painting of our buildings at the Wanamaker Complex. We hope to repave and repaint the parking lot along with our grant funded road projects.

Our new Fire Station site work is about to begin, starting with the demolition of the old building.

Prior to demolition, our fire fighters are using the old building for some training exercises.

Our basketball and tennis courts are looking good again, please no bikes or skateboards on the new courts.

Thanks to all of you who attend our meetings and recognize the work we are all doing to make sure that our town continues to be a great place to live.

The Meeting was Adjourned at 7:35 P.M. by Unanimous Consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sean Asay
Borough Clerk**