

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

May 10, 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 2022-03 – AMENDING CHAPTER 7 – TRAFFIC -
SECOND READING – PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ADOPTION**

MAYOR DOYLE READ THE FOLLOWING:

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2022-03 is now open, those who wish to comment, please ask to be recognized and state your name for the record:

Public Comments:

No comments

Motion to Close Public Hearing:

Motion: Mr. Gabriel

Second: Ms. Thompson

Voice Vote: Yes: Unanimous No_____

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2022-03 as Proposed:

Motion: Mr. Baxter

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.

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)

7-3.4

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

SECOND READING – PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ADOPTION

MAYOR DOYLE READ THE FOLLOWING:

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2022-04 is now open, those who wish to comment, please ask to be recognized and state your name for the record:

Public Comments:

No comments

Motion to Close Public Hearing:

Motion: Mr. Gabriel

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Voice Vote: Yes: Unanimous No_____

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2022-04 as Proposed:

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

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.

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 INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE 2022-05 – FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES COMPLEX OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) THEREFORE

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Read Proposed Ordinance 2022-05 by Title Only and to Approve the Introduction of Said Ordinance as Proposed:

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Baxter

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 2022-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES COMPLEX OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) THEREFORE

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring), DOES HEREBY ORDAIN 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 \$200,000.00 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 \$200,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for various improvements to the Municipal Offices Complex, including but not limited to exterior siding repairs, painting, flooring, replacement of windows and paving and repair of the adjoining parking lot, and including all other necessary or desirable structures, appurtenances and work or materials, costs of surveying, construction planning, engineering, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents and construction inspection and administration.

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.

MAYOR DOYLE:

ORDINANCE 2022-06 – FIRST READING – INTRODUCTION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Read Proposed Ordinance 2022-06 by Title Only and to Approve the Introduction of Said Ordinance as Proposed:

Motion: Ms. Pendleton
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.

ORDINANCE 2022-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00)
THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE HUNDRED
FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) OF BONDS OR NOTES OF
THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF**

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring), DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Appropriation for Project-Down Payment

The improvements described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance are hereby respectfully authorized as general capital improvements to be made to the water and sewer utility systems of the Borough of Island Heights, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"). For said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for said improvements or purposes, said sums being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefore and amounting in the aggregate to ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00). No down payment is required as the purposes authorized herein are deemed self-liquidating and the obligations authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the Borough, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this bond ordinance.

Section 2. Authorization of Bonds

For the financing of said improvements or purposes and to meet the ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) appropriation, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the maximum principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law") and any other law applicable thereto. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, negotiable note(s) of the Borough in the maximum principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. Description of Project

The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued, the appropriations made for and the estimated costs of such purposes (including all work or materials necessary therefore or incidental thereto), and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for such purposes are as follows:

<u>IMPROVEMENT OR PURPOSE</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION AND ESTIMATED COST</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BONDS OR NOTES</u>
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(a) Painting Inside of the Water Treatment Plant, including all other necessary or desirable structures, appurtenances and work or materials, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved, including the costs of surveying, construction planning, engineering, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents and construction inspection and administration.	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
(b) Purchase of Camera for Viewing Sewer Lines	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
(c) Various Utility Infrastructure Improvements, including all other necessary or desirable structures, appurtenances and work or materials, costs of surveying, construction planning, engineering, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents and construction inspection and administration.	<u>\$30,000.00</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$150,000.00</u>	<u>\$150,000.00</u>

Section 4. Authorization of Notes

In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount equal to the said principal of bonds not exceeding ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. All such note(s) shall mature at such time as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer or such other Financial Officer designated by Resolution for these purposes (both being hereinafter referred to in this Section as Chief Financial Officer); provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its issue date. Such note(s) shall bear interest at a rate or rates and shall be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with any note(s) issued pursuant to this Ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon such note(s) shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell the note(s) from time to time at public or private sale in such amounts as the Chief Financial Officer may determine and not less than par, and to deliver the same from time to time to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof as payment thereof. Such Chief Financial Officer is authorized and directed to report in writing to the Mayor and the Commission of the City at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the note(s) pursuant to this Ordinance is made. Such report shall include the amount, the description, the interest rate, the maturity schedule of the note(s) sold, price obtained and the name of the purchaser. All note(s) issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time for periods not exceeding one (1) year for the time period specified in and in accordance with the provisions and limitations of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a) of the Local

Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is further directed to determine all matters in connection with said note or notes and not determined by this Ordinance. The Chief Financial Officer's signature upon said note(s) shall be conclusive evidence of such determination.

Section 5. Capital Budget

The capital budget of the Borough of Island Heights is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the capital budget and capital program is on the file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6. Additional Matters

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

(a) The said purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are properties or improvements which the Borough may lawfully require or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specifically assessed on property specifically benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said purposes authorized herein as determined in accordance with the Local Bond Law is **35.99 years**.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete 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 Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00), and that the net debt of the Borough determined as provided in the Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance. The said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within the debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) Amounts not exceeding **TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)** in the aggregate for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, architectural, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses, a reasonable proportion of the compensation and expenses of employees of the Borough in connection with the acquisition of such improvement and property as authorized herein, and other items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 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.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Borough solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for a purpose that is deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) and are deductible from gross debt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(c).

Section 7. Ratification of Prior Actions

Any action taken by any officials of the Borough in connection with the improvements described in Section 3 hereof are hereby ratified and confirmed notwithstanding that such actions may have been taken prior to the effective date of this bond ordinance and shall be deemed to have been taken pursuant to this bond ordinance.

Section 8. Application of Grants

Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. Full Faith and Credit

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to punctual payment of the principal and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all of the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 10. Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures

The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures towards the cost of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein has been or is reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the City, or any member of the same “control group” as the Borough, within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-1(f), pursuant to their budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Borough’s official intent to reimburse any expenditures towards the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.103-18, and no action (or inaction) will be an artifice or device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements.

Section 11. Effective Date

This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Resolution 2022-87

Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council Conducted on April 12, 2022 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Baxter

Comments/Discussion: 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:

Resolution 2022-91

Approving the Final Plan of the Ocean County Engineer for the Installation of Four Way Stops at Central Avenue and Summit Avenue

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Mr. Weber

Council Member Comments/Discussion:

Mr. Weber – I support the installation of the four way, this is a feeder intersection and with the presence of the library and the school this is the right thing to do for the protection of all pedestrians, we have to choose safety over convenience. I favor a four way stop at Ocean Ave. as well.

Ms. Thompson – Our Quality of Life Task Force has discussed this and we recognize that It is a significant change for our Borough. We feel that given the volume of traffic at this Intersection that this four way stop is a good step forward for pedestrian safety.

Mr. Gabriel – Will this change involve the installation of flashing lights with the new stop Signs?

Mayor Doyle – No, there will be no flashing lights.

Public Comments as to Resolution 2022-91:

John Pendleton – I am concerned about the size of the stop signs to be used by the County.

Doug Sabey – The crosswalks at this intersection should marked out. Parking is not enforced

correctly in the Borough.

Kris Sabey – I am completely in favor of this proposed four way stop and the one at Ocean Ave. as well. I avoid walking through this intersection due the heavy traffic.

Mitch Migdon – I agree with the installation of the new four way stop. There is too much traffic at speed going through this intersection. The recommendation of the County is sound given the library and the school being nearby.

Garrick Slavick – I am concerned about liability for the Borough if we do not proceed with this four way stop given the recommendation of the County.

Mr. Zabarsky – The County has made a recommendation but that does not bind the Borough nor does it infer liability of the Borough does not accept the recommendation.

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.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

RESOLUTIONS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2022-88

Authorizing the Hiring of Anthony Esdaile as a Code Enforcement Officer at an Hourly Rate of \$16.00 (By Title)

This Resolution was tabled indefinitely by unanimous consent.

Resolution 2022-89

Authorizing the Issuance of a Raffle License and a Social Affair Permit to the Island Heights School Foundation for a Casino Night to be Held at the Island Heights Yacht Club on June 4, 2022 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Gabriel

Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2022-90

Authorizing the Issuance of a Social Affair Permit to the Island Heights Cultural and Heritage Society for an Event to be Held at the Cottage Museum and Van Sant Park on July 15, 2022 (Rain Date – July 17, 2022) (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2022-92

Approving the Hiring of Glenn Eckert and Luke Pomeroy as Part Time Laborers for the Department of Public Works at an Hourly Rate of \$16.00 With an Effective Date of April 30, 2022

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2022-93

Approving the Issuance of a Raffle License to the John F. Peto Studio Museum for a Drawing to Take Place at the Island Heights Yacht Club on August 5, 2022 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Gabriel
Second: Ms. Thompson

Resolution 2022-94

Approving Change Order #1 on the 2018 NJDOT Lake Avenue and Garden Avenue Road Improvement Project in the Amount of \$21,746.24

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Ms. Thompson

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 with the exception of Resolution 2022-88 which was Tabled indefinitely by Unanimous Consent:

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>
Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.

Note: Mr. Weber abstained as to 2022-89.
Mr. Baxter abstained as to 2022-93

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

BILL LIST AND PROCUREMENTS

Resolution 2022-95 Approving Payment of all of the Items on the Bill List Submitted by the Purchasing Agent (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Baxter
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>
Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

DISCUSSION & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Public Comment):

Sue Cowdrick – I am your representative on the Central Regional School Board. As the District has now adopted their budget, I can report that there will be small tax increase that will amount to approximately \$28.00 per year for the average household in the Borough. I can also

report that the District is debt free as of 2022. The formula used to apportion taxes in a regional school district is mandated by the State and considers factors such as property values and the number of students sent by each town in the district.

This year, graduates from the High School will receive \$75,000.00 in college scholarships from funds raised privately by the District.

All are welcome to attend the graduations from the Middle and High Schools coming up in June.

The District will be running a free summer program for students in addition to the regular summer school program.

Next school year, the District will add a fifth language class (sign language).

The District is one of few who still offer wood shop and home economics as elective courses.

Luis Taveras – We should be teaching our children how to write computer code, that is the future and they should start young.

Andrea Arevalo – Lake Avenue still has too many cars that appear to be exceeding the speed limit, I think more signs should be erected.

Kris Sabey – Van Sant Ave. is a long straight street and I think vehicles are exceeding the speed limit.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Doyle – New lights have been installed at our flag pole here at the Wanamaker Complex. This flag pole is over one hundred years old and one of the tallest on the waterfront.

We are scouting locations to set up a volleyball court for our residents and visitors to add to our recreation opportunities, perhaps at Memorial Field.

Our Long Point Beach restoration project is now in Phase III during which plans are developed by our engineers and submitted to the State to obtain permits to begin the restoration process. This is a problem that was ignored for forty years and it will take time to address but we will see it through to save our beach and avoid having to bulkhead the entire waterfront in that area.

Our basketball and tennis courts have been restored after years of neglect and are already being enjoyed by our residents. Please no bicycles or skateboards on any of the courts, they destroy the new surface.

We have planted twelve new hardwood trees on Borough property to protect our tree canopy and we will be planting a Salem Oak Legacy Tree near Borough Hall.

Our grant funded paving jobs will commence soon along with work that will be done by the

County to improve our County streets.

As lumber becomes available at competitive prices, we will continue to replace our boardwalk.

Our new grant funded recreation equipment has been installed at Memorial Field and the Wanamaker Complex.

We are managing our budget this year to absorb inflation and there is no increase in your municipal tax rate this year, thanks to all of the people up here who serve and volunteer.

Ms. Pendleton – Our Public Works completed repairs on three waste water lift stations after the recent heavy rains. These lift stations move the flow up-stream to the OCUA lines. Emergency repairs were made to one of our main sewer lines where accumulation of backed-up waste water had caused a problem.

Mowing of our public spaces has been keeping DPW busy, it usually takes one entire day to mow everything.

After settling and after the rain storms we had to do additional filling of the electrical trenches around the gazebo and driveway at the Wanamaker Complex. DPW spread topsoil on the trenches and along the entrance to the complex in preparation for seeding in next few days. We spread top soil and created flower beds around the new Gazebo to be ready for planting, shrubs and perennials this week. I hope that everyone noticed that we planted some substantial shade trees along the north side of the of the Wanamaker parking lot (three oaks and one maple). One maple was planted at Memorial Field and a native red cedar was planted at Long Point. We have one more very special oak tree to plant, a big thanks to Mary Judge who has procured for our town, a seedling from the Salem Oak. The Salem Oak, for those of you not familiar, was estimated to have been over five hundred years old with a circumference of 268” and a height 104’. This ancient white oak was a surviving tree from the original forest that covered New Jersey when John Fenwick arrived in 1675. Tradition maintains that he signed a treaty with the Lenni Lenape Indians beneath its branches. On Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 7pm, this tree fell. The seedling we now have has been certified to be from that tree. It was propagated and grown at the NJ Forest Service Nursery from acorns collected under the branches of the Salem Oak before it toppled. We are planning to give it a very special place at the entrance to Wanamaker Complex behind the Borough Hall building and install a plaque as to its authenticity.

Our Cultural and Heritage wants to remind everyone of their upcoming Secret Gardens & Scenic Porches Tour on June 25th from 10 AM to 4 PM. This year there are thirteen gardens and porches to visit and refreshments will be served on the Cottage Museum’s new patio. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be purchased in advance at the Cottage Museum on June 4th, 11th and 18th and the day of the event. Tickets can also be purchased on Monday, May 16th at 7 PM at the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church. Peter Kier will be doing a program on Growing up in Island Heights. Please come and enjoy the program and buy your tickets for the Garden Tour. You can always call the Cottage Museum at 732-929-2646.

Mr. Gabriel – Our Police Department is working to wrap up their preparation for the accreditation process this summer. In service training and field training for our new patrol officers is ongoing and as the weather warms you will be seeing the police out on their Polaris patrolling our public spaces.

Mr. Baxter – We have sold over 550 annual recreation badges to date.

Our Construction Office has completed 184 inspections so far this year and the Borough has received over \$24,000.00 in permit fees. I can tell you that as Council Members we have to get our inspections done by a neighboring town such as Toms River and given how long that can take, we are very lucky to have our own Construction Office.

Mr. Fumo – Our thanks to Sue Cowdrick for representing us on the Central Regional School Board and for her thorough report this evening.

Our Elementary School will be having their chess tournament this week with our Mayor teaching the finer points of chess and the students receiving their own chess sets to enjoy a lifetime of chess competition. State testing is now wrapping up and they will be putting on their spring concert on May 19th at 7 PM. Flag Day will be celebrated on June 14th and all are welcome to join the ceremony in front of the school. The Sea Devil Summer Academy will be available again this summer.

Our Friends of the Library have been working on native plantings at the front of the building and they encourage everyone to visit our library and see all that they have to offer.

Mr. Weber – Water Bills are out and the grace period is until May 25th, please pay your water bills as soon as possible to help our water utility to keep providing excellent service to all of us.

Annual recreation badges are now \$25.00, you can purchase them at the office or from a code enforcement officer.

Ms. Thompson – Our Community Garden is shaping up as the beds are filling up with flowers and vegetables.

Our Earth Day celebration was a great success thanks to our Environmental Committee and all of the volunteers who worked on clean up projects around the Borough. Twenty four bald cypress trees were planted at Memorial Field to help absorb some the moisture in that area but many were yanked out by vandals and had to be replanted, hopefully some will still thrive.

Our Fire Company is completing the utility disconnects at their building in preparation for demolition and new construction.

The new Officer in Charge at our Post Office is working on some positive changes, cleaning up the work space and trying to have the stamp vending machine returned to the box area.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M. BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sean Asay
Borough Clerk**