

# Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2022

## **MAYOR DOYLE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM AND 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:**

### **Presentation by Timothy Rehm, Superintendent of the Island Heights Elementary School:**

Mr. Rehm thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to provide an update on our Elementary School. Mr. Rehm introduced the new Principal of the Elementary School – Lisa Royer. Mr. Rehm explained that he is now transitioning out of the Principal role and moving to a part time Superintendent position.

Mr. Rehm said that the COVID Pandemic had posed many challenges for the school and problems had to be solved on the fly, however it resulted in the staff and students mastering new technologies that they continue to use effectively.

Mr. Rehm detailed some of the accomplishments of the staff and students over the past two years:

The school band now has over thirty students participating. Increased enrollment with twelve students graduating from the sixth grade and twenty students entering kindergarten in the fall. Continued participation in the school choice program that brings fourteen additional students to the school and \$290,000.00 in revenue. Publication of the Sea Devil Times Newsletter. The free summer Sea Devil Academy that will run from July 12th to August 4th.

Mr. Rehm thanked Alan Fumo for his work as council liaison to the school. He thanked the mayor for his work with the school Chess Club and his participation in today's Flag Day ceremony along with several other council members and

residents. He praised the recent creation of the Island Heights Education Foundation that is working to raise funds for new school programs and resources.

Mr. Rehm introduced Ms. Royer as the new Principal of the Elementary School, he said that she holds a Principals Certificate and that she is continuing her education towards receiving a Superintendents Certificate.

Ms. Royer addressed the mayor and council and thanked all of the parents and other residents who were present for their ongoing support of our Elementary School. She said that she will work to build on all of the accomplishments that were highlighted by Mr. Rehm. She also intends to focus on expanding curriculum areas such as language arts to broaden the learning opportunities for our students. She said that the school focuses on assuring success for each student using individualized learning programs and monitoring their success throughout the year so that no student falls behind. She said that she looks forward to her new role and welcomed input from the community.

Mayor Doyle thanked Mr. Rehm and Ms. Royer for providing an update to the governing body and said that our Elementary School is a great asset to the community and one of the things that makes Island Heights so attractive to families.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE 2022-07 – FIRST READING – PROPOSED  
INTRODUCTION**

**AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 19 OF THE BOROUGH  
CODE – PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND OTHER PUBLIC SPACES**

**Mayor Doyle entertained a:**

Motion to Read Proposed Ordinance 2022-07 by Title Only and Introduce the Ordinance as Proposed:

Motion: Mr. Fumo  
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 2022-07

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 19 OF THE BOROUGH CODE – PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND OTHER PUBLIC SPACES

*ITEMS IN BOLD AND ITALICS ARE NEW LANGUAGE*

ITEMS IN [BRACKETS] ARE TO BE DELETED

§ 19-3

TENNIS *AND PICKLEBALL* COURTS.

§ 19-3.1

Hours of Use.

The hours of the use of the tennis *and pickleball* courts at Memorial Field shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily, or as authorized by resolution of the Mayor and Council.

§ 19-3.2

[Tennis Court] *Recreation* Badges – *Daily Recreation Permits*

[Tennis court] *Recreation* badges or a *Daily Recreation Permit* [tags] to permit the use of the tennis *and pickleball* courts must be obtained pursuant to subsection 19-2.2 of the Borough Code. [Only a Borough resident or their guest (a maximum of three (3) guests per resident for doubles on the same court) shall be permitted to use the Borough tennis courts as long as the resident possess a badge or tag. For a guest to play he or she must be accompanied by a resident holding the appropriate badge or tag.]

[§ 19-3.3

Fees.

Fees for the tennis court badge or key shall be established within the range of \$30 to \$40 per

season. Request for additional badges by an individual purchasing a key shall be between \$5 and \$8. Fees shall apply to residents twelve (12) years of age or older.

The Mayor and Council shall establish fees within the above ranges by resolution adopted yearly.

§ 19-3.4

Lost Keys.

Any person who loses his or her key to the tennis courts shall pay \$3 for a replacement key.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE 2022-08 – FIRST READING – PROPOSED INTRODUCTION**

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

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Read Proposed Ordinance 2022-08 by Title Only and Introduce the Ordinance as Proposed:

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Mr. Weber

Mayor Doyle said that the Governing Body will be seeking input on this Proposed Ordinance that would result in lower speed limits on County Roads in the Borough. He said that the Public Hearing on this Ordinance is now scheduled for the August meeting (August 16<sup>th</sup>) and that residents who have opinions on these speed limit changes should contact a Council Member or the Mayor’s Office.

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 2022-08**

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

*Items in Bold and Italics are New Language*

**Items in [Brackets] are thus Deleted**

7-11 **SPEED LIMITS.**

The following described streets or parts of streets shall have the speed limits designated. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the designated speed limits as authorized by the Department of Transportation.

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Speed Limit</b>	<b>Location</b>
Bay Avenue North	25	All
Bay Avenue South	25	All
Bayview Avenue	25	All
Beech Avenue	25	All
Camp Meeting Avenue	25	All
Cedar Avenue	25	All
<i>Central Avenue</i>	<b>30</b>	<i>From the Intersection with State Highway #37 to the Intersection with Lake Avenue</i>
<i>Central Avenue</i>	<b>25</b>	<i>From the Intersection with Lake Avenue to the Intersection With River Avenue</i>
Chestnut Avenue	25	All
Dirmitt Avenue	25	All
East End Avenue	25	All
Ensor	25	All
Fletcher Place	25	All
Garden Avenue	25	All
Garfield Avenue	25	All

Name of Street	Speed Limit	Location
Gilford Avenue	25	All
Highland Avenue	25	All
Holly Avenue	25	All
Jackson Avenue	25	All
Jaynes Avenue	25	All
Lake Avenue	25	All
Lake Drive	25	All
Laurel Avenue North	25	All
Laurel Avenue South	25	All
Maple Avenue	25	All
Oak Avenue	25	All
<b><i>Ocean Avenue</i></b>	<b>25</b>	<b>All</b> [County street]
Ocean Bend	25	All
Park Avenue	25	All
<b><i>River Avenue</i></b>	<b>30</b>	<b><i>From the Northerly Intersection with West End Avenue to the Southerly Intersection with West End Avenue</i></b>
<b><i>River Avenue</i></b>	<b>25</b>	<b><i>From the Southerly Intersection with West End Avenue to the Intersection With Central Avenue</i></b>
Siddons Court	25	All
Simpson Avenue	25	All
<b><i>Summit Avenue</i></b>	<b>25</b>	<b>All</b> [West End Avenue to Central Avenue]

Name of Street	Speed Limit	Location
[Summit Avenue]		[County street]
Tennent Avenue	25	All
Thomas Avenue	25	All
<i>VanSant Avenue</i>	25	<i>All</i> [County street]
West Camp Walk	25	All
West End Avenue	25	From the southerly intersection with River Avenue to the northerly intersection with River Avenue
<i>West End Avenue</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>From the northerly intersection with River Avenue to the intersection with State Highway # 37</i>
Westray Avenue	25	All

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE 2022-09 – FIRST READING – PROPOSED INTRODUCTION**

**A CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE  
RADIO'S AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND APPROPRIATING THIRTY-FIVE  
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000.00) THEREFORE**



**Mayor Doyle entertained a:**

Motion to Read the Proposed Ordinance by Title Only and  
Approve the Introduction of the Ordinance as Proposed:

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Mr. Gabriel

Mr. Gabriel noted that this purchase of new police radios was necessitated by the County moving the dispatch of our Police Officers to a new frequency on which the existing radios will not operate.

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 2022-09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. A CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE RADIOS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND APPROPRIATING THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000.00) 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 \$35,000.00 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 \$35,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of police radios and related equipment, including all materials and work necessary or incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

**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 INTRODUCED THE:**

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Resolution 2022-101                      Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council Conducted on May 24, 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>	<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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Motion: Mr. Fumo  
Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2022-107

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Enter into a Subordination Agreement in Reference to Block 39.02 – Lot 1 – 15 Lake Avenue to Facilitate a Construction Loan to the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Baxter  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2022-108

Approving the Issuance of a Raffle Permit to the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company for 50/50 Raffles to be Drawn at their Building on September 30, 2022 and December 2, 2022 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2022-109

Approving the Refund of a Property Tax Overpayment on Block 32 – Lot 10 – 250 Summit Avenue to Grace Connor of Swampscott, Massachusetts

Motion: Mr. Weber  
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:

**Mr. Zabarsky** – At the request of the Mayor, Mr. Zabarsky explained the reasons for the Adoption of Resolution 2022-107 and that it will allow for the closing of the loan to the Fire Company for the building of their new Fire Station.

**Mary Judge** – Will the paving of the Wanamaker Lot have any impact on the bio-swale?

**Mr. Asay** – Yes, the work should improve the functioning of the bio-swale.

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

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

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>
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**Note: Mr. Gabriel abstained as to Resolutions 2022-105, 107 and 108.**

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:**

**BILL LIST AND PROCUREMENTS**

Resolution 2022-110

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

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
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>
Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:**

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

**Mary Judge** – I would like to hear the opinion of the Governing Body regarding the launching of kayaks at our beaches.

**Lucy Scheer** – Do we restrict the use of our public facilities, could a book club or any other group use the facilities for a meeting?

**Mayor Doyle** – Yes, they may but if the activity is organized or sponsored by a group or organization, they must apply to the Borough Clerk and provide proof of insurance.

**Joyce Kane** – Will the Police Department deliver parking permits to us for July 4<sup>th</sup>?

**Mr. Gabriel** – Yes, they will as usual.

**Frank Weber** – I would like to launch my kayak at Wanamaker Beach but I was stopped by the Code Enforcement Officer.

**Kara Lovell** – I would like to see the lifeguards return to our beach. The baseball diamond at Memorial Field is not in very good condition, I would like to see it restored with new clay. I think the Borough should find someone to give tennis lessons on our new courts.

**Brenda Cavanaugh** – I like to back my vehicle up to Wanamaker Beach and remove my kayak and launch it from the beach. I would suggest contacting Central Regional Schools and they might be able to refer you to someone who would be qualified to teach tennis.

**Carol Ann Weber** – I hope to return to Wanamaker Beach soon to launch my kayak.

## **MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:**

### **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Ms. Thompson** – Kayak launching at Wanamaker Beach was stopped by the Code Enforcement Officer due to safety concerns. We want to make sure that bathers are a safe distance from the launching of any water craft to keep everyone safe. We will designate and mark off an area at the south end of the beach where the launching of non-motorized water craft will be permitted. Non-motorized water craft may also be launched at the termination of Park Avenue and from the Borough Boat Ramp on Lake Drive. Please do not launch water craft from Long Point as we are still working to restore the beach area and plantings. If we are all considerate and work together, we can share our public spaces and keep everyone safe.

The old Fire Station has been demolished and the site is being remediated to allow for new construction to begin. Please purchase tickets to the upcoming Summerbrew event and help to support our Fire Company and their construction project.

**Mr. Fumo** – Thank you to our Elementary School Superintendent and Principal for joining us tonight and providing such a thorough update. We are so blessed to have this school; it improves the learning and quality of life for our families. June 20<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school for this year.

Please remember to visit our Library, they have many great summer reading programs.

**Mr. Weber** – Estimated property tax bills will be mailed out the last week of June.

If you have to dispose of a mattress, it must be wrapped in plastic or placed in a mattress disposal bag.

**Mr. Gabriel** – As was mentioned earlier, our Police Department will have a traffic control plan in place for the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks and residents will receive parking permits. You will be seeing the police Polaris vehicle out during the summer months patrolling our public spaces.

**Mr. Baxter** – We have been advised that our Municipal Court Judge (Damien Murray) is retiring at the end of this year, the Governing Body will be screening candidates to take over next year upon appointment at our Reorganization Meeting.

**Ms. Pendleton** – Our DPW has been working at the new Wanamaker Gazebo; the new recessed ceiling lighting has been installed with a dimmer switch; the flag-illuminating lights now have shrouds on the side of each that will focus the light upward toward the flag and reduce side glare. A soaker hose has been installed around the circumference of the Gazebo to water the new plantings. A new paver walkway is now in place leading to the Gazebo from the driveway and to the Wanamaker Interpretive Sign.

All of the lights on the boardwalk have been repaired.

Water service to the new construction on West Camp Walk was installed.

Boards on our public docks have been replaced after some late spring storms pulled them up and a new load of mulch was picked up from the County for our residents.

Our Recycling Center is open daily from 7:00 AM to 2:45 PM and on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. If you find the gate closed when you arrive, please do not dump recyclables or yard waste on the ground outside the gate.

Please be patient with our garbage and recycling collection. Like everyone else, Waste Management is experiencing a shortage of workers. We do not always get the driver who knows our town route. On top of that, when we have a holiday on a Monday, the Thursday pickup is always much heavier than usual. The truck fills up faster, the driver has an hour drive to empty it, he has to wait in line with other trucks and does not get back to town for several hours. Consequently, your garbage does not always get picked up when you expect it to be. Please be patient, there is no need to call the Borough Office, I promise you, they will get to it, even if they have to return the next day.

The Island Heights Cultural & Heritage Association will be having a program with a Captain Joshua Huddy impersonator who will be telling the Revolutionary War story of the battle for Toms River. It will be on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, admission is free and refreshments will be served. On Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, they will be having their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour, this year with 13 gardens and porches. Tickets will be sold on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Cottage Museum and they will also be available the day of the tour. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, the Association will be hosting a Celebration of Life and the dedication of the Van Sant Park Bench honoring Gale Wayman. The Champagne and Chocolate Memorial tribute on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM will be co-hosted with the Ocean County College Foundation at The Cottage Museum. Tickets are available online at [www.ocean.edu](http://www.ocean.edu), click on “Foundation Events” then click “learn more.” Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Gale was a lifelong philanthropist who was committed to inspiring women to become leaders with skills to effect real change in their local communities, and who generously supported local organizations in the town she loved to call home.

**Mayor Doyle** – Our thanks to everyone for your patience through all of the recent curb and paving work.

Please support our Fire Company through the upcoming Summerbrew event, this is their biggest fund raiser of the year and they are constructing a new fire station.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is coming up, we will be having our annual Childrens Bike Parade from Memorial Field to the Central Avenue Pavilion.

You are invited to attend the summer Peto Concerts at the Museum Grounds, these are fund raisers for the museum and a great time, your donations are appreciated.

At Long Point, there are still many young plantings that we are trying to nurture, please tread lightly.

Thank you all for coming to our meeting this evening and for taking an interest in the governance of our community. The volunteer spirit is one of the things that makes our town great and along with your Council Members, we can assure a great future for the Borough.

**The Meeting was Adjourned at 8:15 PM by Unanimous Consent.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sean Asay  
Borough Clerk**