

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2023

MAYOR DOYLE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. 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 November 19, 2022 and Notice was Also Posted on the Bulletin Board at the Municipal Building, on the Borough Television Channel and the Borough Website.

MAYOR DOYLE LED 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	<u>Absent</u> (excused)
Council Member Fumo	Present	<u>Absent</u> (excused)
Council Member Gabriel	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Council Member Pendleton	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Council Member Thompson	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Council Member Weber	Present	<u>Absent</u> (excused)
Mayor Doyle	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Borough Attorney Mr. Zabarsky	<u>Present</u>	Absent

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:

Ordinance 2023-08 – Final Reading – Public Hearing - Proposed Adoption

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A CAPITAL ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND PROJECTS OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS
AND APPROPRIATING TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00)
THEREFORE

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2023-08 is now open, persons who wish to
Comment, please ask to be recognized and state your name for the record:

Public Comments:

Betsy Hyle – Commented on the design of the replacement groin at Long Point Park

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Close Public Hearing:

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Voice Vote: Yes: Unanimous No:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt Proposed Ordinance
2023-08 as Introduced:

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Voting Record:

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

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SECTION 1.

The improvements described in Section two of this Ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Island Heights (the “Borough”) as general capital improvements. For the improvements or purposes described in Section two, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$250,000 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 \$250,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the following purposes:

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| 1. Purchase of Police Vehicle | \$80,000.00 |
| 2. Roof Replacement, Insulation, General Repairs and Upgrades - Police Building | |
| | \$55,000.00 |
| 3. Long Point Groin – Design and Construction | \$115,000.00 |

SECTION 3.

The improvements described in Section two 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 two 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.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:

Ordinance 2023-09 – Final Reading – Public Hearing - Proposed Adoption

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 8 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED – FENCES

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2023-09 is now open, persons who wish to Comment, please ask to be recognized and state your name for the record:

Public Comments:

Bob MacNeal – Commented on the placement of fences along property lines.

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to close Public Hearing:

Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Ms. Thompson

Voice Vote: Yes: Unanimous No:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt Proposed Ordinance 2023-09 as Introduced

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Gabriel

Voting Record:

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

ORDINANCE 2023-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 8 OF
THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED - FENCES

32-8 FENCES

a.

Zoning Approval Required. Prior to erecting any new fence on a property within the Borough, the property owner must apply for and receive approval from the Zoning Officer in keeping with Borough Code Chapter 32.

b.

Front Yard Fencing. This shall include any fencing located in the area from the front property line along the street upon which the property is addressed to the front building line. Fencing located in this area shall not exceed thirty (30) inches in height and shall be made of metal, wood, vinyl or a similar material with at least one and one half (1 ½) inch openings between the rails or slats.

c.

Rear Yard Fencing. This shall include any fencing located in the area from the rear building line to the rear property line and running across the rear property line. Fencing located in this area may be of solid type made of wood, vinyl or a similar material and shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.

d.

Side Yard Fencing with No Street Frontage. Fencing located in this area may be of solid type made of wood, vinyl or a similar material and shall not exceed six (6) feet in height. No side yard fence may extend beyond the front building line.

e.

Fencing on Lots Abutting Two (2) Streets. Fences located on the property lines that abut streets shall not exceed thirty (30) inches in height and shall be made of metal, wood, vinyl or a similar material with at least one and one half (1 ½) inch openings between the rails or slats.

Fencing located on the property lines that do not abut a street, shall be made of metal, wood, vinyl or a similar material, shall not exceed four (4) feet in height, may be of a solid type and may not extend past the rear building line.

f.

Fence Construction. The finished side of all fences erected in accordance with the provisions hereof shall face the adjoining property and/or street line. Any portion of a fence construction intended or utilized for the support of the fence shall be located on the inside of the fence, facing the principal portion of the tract of land upon which the fence is erected.

g.

Encroachments. All fences shall be erected within property lines, and no fence shall be located so as to encroach upon a public right-of-way.

h.

Prohibited Fencing Materials. The following fences and fence construction materials are specifically prohibited in all zones in the Borough; barbed wire, canvas, cloth, electrically charged, expandable and collapsible.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Resolution 2023-76

Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council Conducted on May 9, 2023 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Mr. Gabriel

Comments/Discussion: None

Resolution 2023-81

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to enter Into an Agreement with Drager, Inc. of Telford, Pennsylvania for the Purchase of the Alcotest 9510 Evidential Breath Test System for the Island Heights Police Department under State Contract T-3031 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$19,305.00 Upon the Availability of Funds (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Gabriel

Resolution 2023-82

Approving the Use of Wanamaker Field by Soccer Shots for Practice Sessions on Saturdays (8:00 A.M. To 1:00 P.M.) and Thursdays (5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.) June 29th to August 31st (No practice August 12th) (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2023-83

Approving the List of Users of the Community Garden for the 2023 Season (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Ms. Thompson

Resolution 2023-84

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Enter Into a Contract with AWA of Island Heights for the Installation of Certain HVAC Equipment at the Island Heights Police Station in an Amount Not to Exceed \$6,600.00 Upon the Availability of Funds (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Gabriel
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2023-85

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Enter into a Contract with Best Fencing of Jackson, New Jersey for the Installation of Fencing at the Island Heights Police Station in an Amount Not to Exceed \$4,500.70, Upon the Availability Of Funds (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Mr. Gabriel

Resolution 2023-86

Approving the Membership of the Borough in the Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2023-87

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to enter Into a Contract with Mall Chevrolet of Cherry Hill, New Jersey for the Purchase of a Police Vehicle Under A Cooperative Contract Negotiated by the Educational Services Commission in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,356.00, Upon the Availability of Funds

Motion: Mr. Gabriel

Second: Ms. Thompson

Resolution 2023-88

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Execute a Grant Application Jointly with the Township Of Toms River Under the Department of Community Affairs Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) for Implementation of a Solid Waste Shared Services Agreement

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Ms. Pendleton

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

None

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

None

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

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

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Voting Record:

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Yes/No	Yes/No	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	Yes/No	<u>Yes/No</u>
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MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

BILL LIST AND PROCUREMENTS

Resolution 2023-89

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

Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Mr. Gabriel

Discussion/Comments: None

Voting Record:

Mr. Baxter	Mr. Fumo	Mr. Gabriel	Ms. Pendleton	Ms. Thompson	Mr. Weber	Mayor Doyle
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MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

Council Member Reports

Mayor Doyle – Our spring projects continue around the Borough as the Boardwalk light posts have been sanded and painted, sand has been placed and evened out at Wanamaker Beach and the Mobie Mat for Kayak launching will soon be placed at the Park Avenue termination.

All of our schools will be having their graduations during the next week and we congratulate all of the graduates and their families.

Our DPW is doing a great job continuing the replacement of our Boardwalk.

Our thanks to Lynn and John Pendleton for their ongoing work on new plantings around the Borough.

Mr. Gabriel – Our Police Department is active with the influx of summer visitors; you will be seeing the Gator vehicle out on patrol in our public areas. Officers issued 120 summons during the month of May.

Ms. Pendleton - DPW has been busy keeping our beautiful town looking beautiful with ongoing maintenance and lots of grass mowing.

All of our fire hydrants have now been given a new coat of red paint.

We have begun remediating the Camp Meeting bluff to remove the highly invasive kudzu vine. We are hoping we have caught it relatively early; it can grow up to sixty feet in one year. I have been in touch with Rutgers Cooperative Extension and learned that a vinegar and salt solution is a good killer of Kudzu roots, which is what we are using due to the close proximity to the River.

DPW been busy disconnecting water and sewer lines for three demolitions and connecting new water and sewer service lines at the new Morgan engineering building on Central Avenue.

Van Sant Park has been weeded and mulched and is looking good for the summer.

DPW replaced some rotted supports at on the Wanamaker Beach Gazebo and it has been power washed and painted.

DPW set up soaker hoses at the Wanamaker Gazebo, they are working well and the plants are thriving

A reminder that the dumpster behind the DPW building is for bulk items only. Please do not use it for household garbage and construction debris.

We have been trying to get more mulch for the bins at DPW but the County does not always have it available, they are servicing a lot of towns, please be patient if you are waiting for some, we will get it when it becomes available to us.

Our Post Office has been repaired and painted; it looks great.

Our Cultural and Heritage Association presents on Monday, June 19th their speaker series; “D-Day from a soldier’s perspective.” What it was like to land on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944, presented by Jefferey Schenker of the Ocean County Historical Society. On Saturday, June 24th their 28th Annual Garden Tour with 11 gardens on view will take place. You can spend the day touring gardens then come to Summerbrew for a cold beverage.

Ms. Thompson – Our Code Enforcement Office reports that they have sold 810 Recreation Badges to date and that they have completed:

Tree Permit Reviews – 17

Zoning Reviews - 40

CO Inspections – 27

Our Construction Office has processed and issued permits totaling \$46,000.00 to date.

Our Post Office has informed us that they will be activating the five year extension in their lease agreement with the Borough which will keep them in the building through 2028.

On behalf of **Mr. Weber**, we extend our congratulations to all of the graduates from our schools during the week ahead.

On behalf of **Mr. Fumo**, our First Aid Squad reports fifteen calls during the month of May in the Borough.

Our Fire Company reminds everyone of their Summerbrew event coming up on June 24th at the Wanamaker Complex.

Our Recreation Committee will be offering pickleball and tennis lessons for our children this summer, watch our website for details.

Mr. Platt was recognized, he reminded everyone to stay alert and prepared as we are now in hurricane season. Please remember to sign up for our Code Red Alert System on our website to stay informed.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

DISCUSSION & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Public Comment):

Betsy Hyle – Commented on the curb painting in front of our Library building, the upcoming concert at the Peto Museum and the summer reading program at our Library in which she said all of our Elementary School children will be participating.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M. by Unanimous Consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sean Asay
Borough Clerk**