

# Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024

## **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 22, 2023 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:**

### **SALUTE 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	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Council Member Fumo	<u>Present</u>	Absent
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 (excused)</u>
Mayor Doyle	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Borough Attorney Mr. Zabarsky	<u>Present</u>	Absent

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE 2024-01 – FINAL READING – PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED ADOPTION**

An Ordinance of the Borough of Island Heights, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, fixing and determining salaries and hourly wages of certain employees of the Borough

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2024-01 is now open, persons who wish to comment, please ask to be recognized and state your name for the record:

Public Comments:

None

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Close Public Hearing:

Motion: Mr. Gabriel

Second: Mr. Fumo

Voice Vote:                      Yes: Unanimous                      No:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt Proposed Ordinance 2024-01 as Introduced:

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Mr. Fumo

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	Yes/No	<u>Yes</u> /No
Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.

**ORDINANCE 2024-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIXING AND DETERMINING SALARIES AND HOURLY  
WAGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH**

**BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS** that the Following Hourly Wages and Salaries Shall Remain in Effect Until a Subsequent Salary and Wage Ordinance is Adopted:

**SECTION 1:** The Salary and Hourly Wage Ranges for Employees of the Borough Shall be as Follows:

<u><b>TITLE</b></u>	<u><b>WAGES</b></u>
A. Affirmative Action Officer	\$1,000.00 - \$2,000.00
B. Cable Television Officer	\$1,000.00 - \$2,000.00
C. Chief Financial Officer	\$2,500.00 - \$40,000.00
D. Code Enforcement Officer	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
E. Construction Official	Per Contract
F. Construction Official (Deputy)	Per Contract
G. Council President	\$2,000.00 - \$4,000.00
H. Council Member	\$2,000.00 - \$3,500.00
I. Deputy Treasurer	\$2,500.00 - \$30,000.00
J. Fire Official	\$2,500.00 - \$7,000.00
K. Human Resources Manager	\$2,500.00 - \$15,000.00
L. JIF Fund Commissioner	\$1,000.00 - \$3,000.00
M. Mayor	\$3,000.00 - \$7,000.00
N. Municipal Clerk	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
O. Municipal Clerk - Deputy	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
P. Municipal Court Administrator	Minimum Wage - \$30.00 Per Hour
Q. Municipal Court Administrator - Deputy	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
R. Municipal Court – Judge	\$2,500.00 - \$20,000.00
S. OEM Coordinator	\$2,500.00 - \$10,000.00
T. Payroll Clerk	\$2,500.00 - \$25,000.00
U. Planning Board Secretary	\$1,500.00 - \$4,000.00
V. Planning Board Secretary (Deputy)	\$1,500.00 - \$3,000.00
W. Public Works - Clerk	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
X. Public Works - Director	Per Contract
Y. Public Works - Foreman	Per Contract
Z. Public Works - Laborer	Per Contract
AA. Police Captain	Per Contract

BB.	Police Lieutenant	Per Contract
CC.	Police Officer	Per Contract
DD.	Police Officer - Class II	Minimum Wage - \$22.00 Per Hour
EE.	Police Sergeant	Per Contract
FF.	Qualified Purchasing Agent	\$2,500.00 - \$4,000.00
GG.	Registrar of Vital Statistics	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
HH.	Tax Assessor	\$2,500.00 - \$30,000.00
II.	Tax Collector	\$2,500.00 - \$30,000.00
JJ.	Tax Collector (Deputy)	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
KK.	Zoning Officer	Per Contract

**SECTION 2:** The Foregoing Salaries and Hourly Wage Ranges Shall be Effective Immediately Upon the Adoption and Publication of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3:** All Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances Heretofore Adopted in Connection with the Aforementioned Subject Matter are Hereby Repealed.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE 2024-02 – FINAL READING – PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED ADOPTION**

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 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) therefore and authorizing the issuance of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) of bonds or notes of the borough for financing the cost thereof.

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2024-02 is now open, persons who wish to comment, please ask to be recognized and state your name for the record:

Public Comments:

No Comments

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 2024-02 as Introduced:

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	<u>Yes</u> /No	<u>Yes</u> /No	<u>Yes</u> /No	<u>Yes</u> /No	Yes/No	<u>Yes</u> /No
Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.

**ORDINANCE 2024-02**

**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 FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF**

**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS** (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, in the 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 FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00). 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 FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) appropriation, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the maximum principal amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) 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 FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) 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>
Various Improvements, Repairs and Upgrades to the Municipal Water and Sewer Systems Infrastructure, 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.	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$500,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$500,000.00</u></b>

#### **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 FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) 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 Council of the Borough 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 forty **(40) 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 FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00), 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 **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00)** 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 Borough, 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 final publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:**

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Resolution 2024-30                      Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Reorganization and Regular Meetings of the Mayor and Council Conducted on January 2, 2024 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Gabriel  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

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 2024-31

Approving and Expressing the Support of the Mayor and Council of a Proposed Feasibility Study to be Undertaken by the Central Regional Board of Education of the Unification of Kindergarten through Sixth Grade Schools in the District

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Ms. Thompson

Resolution 2024-32

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutors Office for the Participation of Island Heights Police Officers in the Fatal Accident Support Team (FAST) program for 2024

Motion: Mr. Baxter

Second: Mr. Gabriel

Resolution 2024-33

Authorizing the Refund of a Utility Fee Overpayment for Block 2 - Lot 5 – 111 Sassafras Lane to Yetman Building Contractors of Island Heights in the Amount of \$900.00

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2024-34

Approving the Hiring of Thomas Winch as a Part Time UCC Subcode Inspector for the Borough Construction Office at an Hourly Rate of \$40.00 with an Effective Date of February 3, 2024

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2024-35

Approving the Use of the Central Avenue Pavilion for Solar Eclipse Viewing by Christine Maloney of the Island Heights Library on April 8, 2024 – Between the Hours of 3 PM and 4 PM (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2024-36

Authorizing a Loan Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (I-Bank) for the Replacement of Potable Water Meters in the Borough

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2024-37

Authorizing the Awarding of the Contract for Attic Remediation and Insulation at the Island Heights Police Station to Servpro of Toms River in an Amount Not to Exceed \$9,841.31 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Fumo  
Second: Ms. Thompson

Resolution 2024-38

Authorizing the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 23-00006 and Refund of Utility Charges Payable to Pro Cap FBO First Trust Bank of Fort Washington, PA in a Total Amount of \$2,666.81

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2024-39

Approving the Use of the Wanamaker Complex and Certain Borough Streets for the River to Bay 5K by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Toms River on May 4, 2024 Between the Hours of 7 AM and 12 Noon (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Gabriel  
Second: Ms. Thompson

Resolution 2024-40

Approving the Use of the Camp Meeting Ground for a Wedding Ceremony by Stephanie Revering on June 1, 2024 Between the Hours of 4 PM and 5 PM (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2024-41

Authorizing the Award of the Contract for the Lake Avenue Water Main Extension to Earle Asphalt of Farmingdale, New Jersey in an Amount Not to Exceed \$318,813.13, Upon the Availability of Funding

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2024-42

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Execute a Contract with Trius, Inc. of Farmingdale, New Jersey for the Purchase of Snow Plowing Equipment, Upon the Availability of Funding (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2024-43

Authorizing the Refund of a Sewer Service Connection Bond for Block 27.04 – Lot 2 – 108 West Camp Walk to Chap Construction of Bayville, New Jersey on the Amount of \$2,000.00

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2024-44

Approving the Appointment of Robert Adams of Citta, Holzapfel and Zabarsky as an Alternate Municipal Prosecutor for Calendar Year 2024

Motion: Mr. Gabriel  
Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2024-45

Approving the Proposal from the Borough Engineer for the Preparation of a Grant Application for Certain Recreation Facilities Improvements in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,950.00 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2024-46

Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the NJ Department of Community Affairs for Recreation Facilities Improvements in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000.00

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Fumo

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

**Ms. Thompson** – Commented that the recreation grant application is requesting funding for new Fencing at our tennis and basketball courts on Lake Avenue.

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

**William Richert** – Commented on the fencing at Memorial Field and Recreation Area

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	<u>Yes</u> /No	<u>Yes</u> /No	<u>Yes</u> /No	<u>Yes</u> /No	Yes/No	<u>Yes</u> /No
Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.

Note: Mayor Doyle abstains as to Resolution 2024-33

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE BILL LIST AND PROCUREMENTS:**

Resolution 2024-47

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

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	<u>Yes</u> /No	<u>Yes</u> /No	<u>Yes</u> /No	<u>Yes</u> /No	Yes/No	<u>Yes</u> /No
Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:**

**Mayor Doyle** – Recognized guests in attendance Cole and Roman Fumo (sons of Councilman Fumo), representing our Boy Scout Troop and continuing to work on earning the rank of Eagle Scout through such civic engagement. He stressed the importance of civic engagement and volunteerism and how critical they are to the health of our community and our republic.

**Mr. Fumo** – Thanked Mayor Doyle for his leadership and for the recognition of his sons in attendance.

Our Fire Company has responded to sixteen calls in the Borough so far this year. Their fireboat is being repowered by Dillons Creek Marina and will be ready for the summer season.

Our First Aid Squad had some flooding damage following one of the recent heavy rain storms. The Borough’s insurance carrier responded and they are supervising needed repairs in the building along with the Squad Leadership.

**Mr. Gabriel** – Met recently with our Police Leadership Team for routine operational update. For the month of January, a total of fifty five summons were issued while the Department responded to 436 calls for service.

**Mr. Baxter** – Planning Board conducted their reorganization meeting for 2024, Frank Parisi will serve as Chair of the Board this year.

Our Municipal Court ended 2023 with a net to the Borough of \$37,755.00, in 2022 the net was \$14,900.00.

**Ms. Pendleton** – DPW apologizes for a few hours of cloudy water from our system recently, a rehabilitation of one of our potable water wells caused some pressure issues in the system.

DPW completed some minor renovations at our Police Station for the installation of their new driver alcohol testing system.

DPW did an excellent job with snow removal in January, the storms did some minor damage to our docks and bulkheads which have been repaired.

**Ms. Thompson –**

First delivered a report on behalf of Mr. Weber:

Elementary School:

Assessments: Marking period 2 ended on January 19th and report cards were posted on February 2nd. Students completed their mid-year MAP and Rigby assessments. Our staff will hold our mid-year student meetings in the next couple of weeks to discuss each student's growth and progress.

Preschool: On February 1st, IHGS held a lottery for available spots in the preschool program. Families were notified on February 5th if their child was awarded a spot in the program. If they did not receive a spot, they were notified with their number on the waitlist. Island Heights Grade School is currently working with the State of New Jersey to receive final approval for opening a second preschool classroom within Island Heights Grade School for the 2024-2025 school year. If this second classroom is approved, students on our wait list will be given a spot to attend our 2024-2025 preschool program. If anyone has any questions regarding preschool, please reach out to the school.

Kindergarten Round Up: Our annual Kindergarten Round Up will be on March 7th. Information will be posted on the website. Please call the school at 732-929-1222 if you are looking to register your child for kindergarten next year.

At the last board of education meeting, we honored the retirement of our longtime business administrator Frank Frazee.

The Island Heights Education Foundation is hosting a Lucky Leo's Night on February 22nd from 4-7 PM.

Ms. Thompson recognized Sue Cowdrick (President and Island Heights Representative on the Central Regional School Board) from the audience. Ms. Cowdrick reported that the district will be deploying a new website on February 16<sup>th</sup> at <https://www.centralreg.k12.nj.us/>. She provided information on the upcoming feasibility study on the regionalization of grades kindergarten through sixth. She said that the study process will be thorough and there will be several meetings with stakeholders in every town in the district.

Ms. Thompson continued; our Post Office reminds everyone to use their PO Box numbers for receiving mail to avoid the mail being returned to the sender. The Postal Service provides a service called Informed Delivery that will scan your mail as it is sorted so you can see what is on the way to you. You can sign up at; <https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm>.

Our Environmental Committee had a great reorganization meeting in January and they are working on events and information for the spring.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE DISCUSSION & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (PUBLIC COMMENT):**

No Comments

**MAYOR DOYLE ENTERTAINED A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM by unanimous consent.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sean Asay  
Borough Clerk**