

# Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

September 10, 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><b>Present</b></u>	Absent
Council Member Fumo	<u><b>Present</b></u>	Absent
Council Member Gabriel	<u><b>Present</b></u>	Absent
Council Member Pendleton	<u><b>Present</b></u>	Absent
Council Member Thompson	<u><b>Present</b></u>	Absent
Council Member Weber	<u><b>Present</b></u>	Absent
Mayor Doyle	<u><b>Present</b></u>	Absent
Borough Attorney Mr. Zabarsky	<u><b>Present</b></u>	Absent

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE 2024-09 – FINAL READING – PUBLIC HEARING -  
PROPOSED ADOPTION**

An Ordinance of the Borough of Island Heights, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Borough Code Chapter 7 –Entitled – Traffic

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2024-09 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: Mr. Weber  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Voice Vote:                      Yes: Unanimous                      No:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt Proposed Ordinance  
2024-09 as Introduced

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

**ORDINANCE 2024-09**

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

Borough Code Chapter 7-6.2 shall be amended and supplemented as follows:

**Intersection**

Lake Avenue and Siddons Court

**Stop Sign On**

Siddons Court

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:**

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Resolution 2024-135

Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting  
of the Mayor and Council Conducted on August 13, 2024  
(By Title)

Motion: Mr. Gabriel

Second: Mr. Weber

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

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTIONS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Resolution 2024-136

Authorizing a Refund of an Application Fee for the Use of Borough Property in the Amount of \$200.00 to; Gail K. Bray, 112 Tiller Drive, Toms River, NJ

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Ms. Thompson

Resolution 2024-137

Approving the Use of the Camp Meeting Grounds by Pamela Harnish for a Memorial Service on October 21, 2024 Between the Hours of 11 AM and 1 PM (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2024-138

Approving the Issuance of a Social Affair Permit to the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company for Trucktoberfest on October 12, 2024 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2024-139

Approving a Final Project Payment of \$60,239.40 to Earle Asphalt for the Lake Drive Water Main Extension and Replacement (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Ms. Thompson

Resolution 2024-140

Approving the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 23-00001 on Block 15 – Lot 8 – 31 Ocean Avenue in the Amount of \$2,299.45 Payable to Pro Cap 8 FBO First Trust Bank of Fort Washington, PA

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Ms. Thompson

Resolution 2024-141

Approving the Use of the Wanamaker Field by Soccer Shots for Practice Sessions from August 31 to November 2, 2024 (Saturdays – 9 AM to 11:30 AM, Thursdays – 5 PM to 6:30 PM) (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Fumo  
Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2024-142

Accepting the Resignations of Jonathan McLaughlin and Alex Rosario from the Island Heights Police Department with an Effective Date of June 29, 2024 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Gabriel  
Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2024-143

Expressing the Appreciation of the Borough and the Mayor and Council to Aerial Intelligence, LLC of Lavallette, New Jersey for the Recent Cleaning of our Water Tower at No Cost to the Borough

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2024-144

Authorizing the Refund of Construction and Zoning Escrow in the Amount of \$2,460.00 on Block 2 – Lot 5 – 111 Sassafra Lane - to E. Steven Doyle of Island Heights, New Jersey

Motion: Mr. Fumo  
Second: Mr. Baxter

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

**Mayor Doyle** – This will be the last approval for Soccer Shots to use Borough property as they are transitioning to a “for profit” entity and the use of Borough property would not be appropriate, The Borough Clerk will so advise them.

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

No Comments

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

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

Motion: Ms. Thompson  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

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** abstained as to Resolution 2024-144.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:**

**BILL LIST AND PROCUREMENTS:**

Resolution 2024-145

Approving Payment of all of the Items on the Bill List Submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Ms. Thompson

Discussion/Comments: None

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 COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:**

**Mr. Fumo** – Our First Aid Squad has received 167 calls for service this year, their response rate is near ninety percent. The Squad did an excellent job providing EMS coverage for Sailfest and we thank Manchester and South Toms River EMS for providing staffing and equipment as back up.

Our Fire Company had another very successful and well attended Labor Day Games and thanks to all who volunteer and participate to make it a great event. The Fire Company reminds everyone that Trucktoberfest is upcoming on October 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 11 AM, all are welcome.

**Mr. Gabriel** – As we memorialized on tonight’s agenda, two of our Class II part time Officers resigned and moved on to other full time opportunities and we thank them for their service to the Borough and wish them well in their new positions. Our Officers continue with traffic and parking enforcement efforts and fifty nine summons were issued in the past month.

**Mr. Weber** – Our Elementary School is open for the fall and Back to School Night will take place on September 12<sup>th</sup>. They will celebrate Veterans Day in front of the school on November 11<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome to attend.

Betsy Hyle will provide a report on the work of the Friends of the Library Committee for the Governing Body.

**Ms. Pendleton** – DPW continues with the Boardwalk replacement project with more lumber being delivered this week. DPW responded to a waste water lift station pump failure on West End Avenue and one of the two pumps was replaced. DPW has begun a project to replace the windows at the Borough Office to improve our energy efficiency in heating and cooling.

Our Cultural and Heritage Association will host a pumpkin decorating event for all ages after the success of last years event. Also, their speaker series at the Ocean County Artists Guild continues with a John Adams impersonator and a shipwreck expert upcoming.

**Ms. Thompson** – The new flooring has been installed in the back office area of our Post Office and it is a great improvement.

Our Environmental Committee had a table at Sailfest and shared some great information on sustainability that we can all use in our own backyards.

Our Community Garden is beginning to wrap up for the season and clean ups of the beds will be underway.

Our Construction Office has processed permits totaling \$68,523.00 year to date.

Our Code Enforcement Office has sold 1,300 Recreation Badges while completing 35 occupancy inspections and processing 37 zoning applications and 32 tree removal permits.

**Mayor Doyle** – Our townwide yard sale is taking place on September 21<sup>st</sup>, please obtain a permit from the office to participate.

Our water meter replacement project is under final review for a start date by the State and we hope have a response within thirty days.

The new fire truck has been ordered and the Borough made a seventy 75% down payment from our cash reserves and the balance will be due upon delivery in two to four years.

Work on our fall road projects will start in the next few weeks with five roads being repaired and repaved (Holly Ave., Lake Drive, Maple Ave., Garden Ave. and Garfield Ave.)

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

**Betsy Hyle** – Provided a report to the Governing Body on the work of the Friends of the Library Committee:

Working with our Librarian (Christine) the Committee has recruited eighteen volunteers who are now helping with programming at the Library.

The Committee acquired a new Nintendo Video Game Set and several new board games using funds that they raised privately.

Their various reading programs continue for adults and children with over one thousand books read during the summer months.

**Mayor Doyle** – Thanked Ms. Hyle and all of the Committee Members and Volunteers for all that they do to enhance the Library Experience for all of us.

**Michael Brick** – Commented on nuisance animals in the Borough.

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

Motion: Mr. Gabriel

Second: Mr. Weber

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:40 PM in Memory of Sally Powers who recently passed away.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sean Asay  
Borough Clerk**