

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

November 12, 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	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 THE:

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Resolution 2024-164 Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council Conducted on October 22, 2024 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Ms. Thompson

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 2024-165 Approving the Meeting Dates for the Mayor and Council for 2025 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2024-166 Approving and Providing for Transfers Between Budget Appropriations Contained in the 2024 Municipal Budget

Motion: Ms. Thompson
Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2024-167

Approving and Expressing the Support of the Mayor and Council for the Upcoming Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States of America and Authorizing the Mayor to Appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee to Plan and Lead the Celebration in the Borough and Expend Such Public Funds as Shall be Necessary

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2024-168

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Enter Into a “Schedule C” Agreement with the County of Ocean for Calendar Year 2025

Motion: Ms. Thompson

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Comments/Discussion by Council Members of Items on the Consent Agenda: None

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: Mr. Baxter

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:

BILL LIST AND PROCUREMENTS:

Resolution 2024-169

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

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

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	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 COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Mayor Doyle – With the results of the general election we have a new President, Senator and we have a new Council Member - Sandra Healey.

I would like to welcome Central Regional Superintendent Michelle Carneyray-Yoder and Central Regional Board of Education President Sue Cowdrick to our meeting tonight.

As of February 2025, the Asbury Park Press will no longer be printing papers.

The curb and paving work on Garden, Garfield and Maple Avenues has been completed, work on Holly Avenue and Lake Drive has started.

The Pillar at the entrance to the Wannamaker Complex has been repaired. It was damaged by a county truck and the county has paid for the repairs.

The Borough is currently waiting on the DEP to sign off on our final plans for the new water meters. Funding for the fencing project at Memorial Field has been secured, we are receiving a grant in the amount of \$75,000.00

Work on the new First Aid Building on Lake Avenue has started and should be completed by the end of the year.

Ms. Thompson – Per our Postmaster, first class mail must be mailed by 12/18/2024 for delivery by Christmas.

Recreation Badges for 2025 are now on sale at the Borough Office for \$20.00 until April 30, 2025, they are perfect for Holiday giving.

The Community Garden is closing on November 15, 2024. DPW will clean out any remaining plant material. Any gardener who does not clear their bed, will not be approved for the 2025 season.

Ms. Thompson reported the following on behalf of Mr. Weber - On Monday 11/11/24 our Elementary School honored our Veterans with an assembly featuring patriotic music. Mr. Gerard Lynch of the Tunnels to Towers Foundation was presented with a donation check of \$2,500 raised from our community, families, staff and student fund. The school community was thrilled to host our Veterans and thank them for their service. The veterans visited students in their classrooms to answer questions and share their experiences.

The 6th grade Pasta Dinner event will be held on 11/14 from 4:30 - 7:30 PM. Tickets will be on sale at the door and there are many great raffle prizes. Please spread the word and come support our sixth-grade class.

On Wednesday, November 27th the school will have a Thanksgiving Day Parade. The students will march down Summit Avenue at 12:30 PM to kick off the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The school's annual winter concert will be held at Central Regional High School on December 12th at 7 PM.

Ms. Thompson reported the following on behalf of Mr. Fumo – Our Fire Company responded to thirteen calls for service in October. Year to date, they have responded to 178 calls for service. They assisted Jackson with the major forest fire as part of the Ocean County Forest Fire Structural Protection Task Force. They have conducted fire prevention training at Ring Around the Rosie and the Island Heights Elementary School.

Ms. Pendleton - Our DPW continues to replace sections of our boardwalk.

They brought in the floating rope from the water at Wanamaker Beach.

Leaf pick up will start this week, please remember to bag your leaves and do not tie them up.

The Cultural and Heritage Association has ended their speaker series for the year. It will start up again in April 2025.

The Methodist Church is having their annual House Tour December 7, 2024, 10 AM – 4 PM. Tickets are on sale now, \$35 presale and \$40 at the door.

The Peto Museum will be decorated and open for the House Tour.

Mr. Baxter – Our Planning Board meeting was canceled for this month; December will be the next meeting and our last meeting of 2024.

Our Municipal Court has brought in \$28,520.00 in receipts so far this year, Court will have sessions on 11/18 and 12/9 to wrap up 2024.

Mr. Gabriel – Our Police Department issued sixty summons for the month of October; they responded to 630 calls for service. Year to date they have responded to 5,677 calls for service. As a follow up to Mr. Weber's report on the Tunnels for Towers Foundation, they recently awarded a mortgage free home to a Veteran that was a State Trooper right here in Ocean County. They are also working in Toms River and Jackson to renovate old hotels into facilities for Veterans who struggle with homelessness.

I am a graduate of Central Regional High School; I recently watched a football game at their sports complex and the facilities are outstanding.

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

Michelle Carneyray-Yoder – Commented on activities at Central Regional Middle and High Schools.

Sue Cowdrick – Encouraged all Island Heights residents to visit the Central Regional Schools and see the great facilities for themselves.

Tracy Laplaca - Commented on the paving, curbing, and storm drains that are being done on Lake Drive.

Dale Chant - Commented on recreation badges.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Doyle entertained a Motion for adjournment by Mr. Gabriel, seconded by Ms. Pendleton, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sean Asay
Borough Clerk**