

# Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2025

## **MAYOR DOYLE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER 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 Newark Star Ledger on November 27, 2024 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 Healy	<u><b>Present</b></u>	Absent
Council Member Pendleton	<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 2025-03 – Proposed Introduction**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Introduce Proposed Ordinance 2025-03:

Motion: Mr. Fumo  
Second: Mr. Baxter

Voting Record:

Mr. Baxter	Mr. Fumo	Mr. Gabriel	Ms. Healy	Ms. Pendleton	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.

**ORDINANCE 2025-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK IN KEEPING WITH  
N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.14 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to the cost of living adjustment declared by the State of New Jersey (2.5%) unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2025 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$26,650.04 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights, in the County of Ocean, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Island Heights shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 1.00%, amounting to \$26,650.04, and that the CY 2025 municipal budget for the Borough of Island Heights be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:**

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Resolution 2025-37

Approving the Proposed Minutes Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council Conducted on February 18, 2025 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Fumo

Comments/Discussion: None

Voting Record:

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

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

Resolution 2025-38

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement with CWA Local 1088 to be Effective on January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2025-39

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Execute a Contract with TGI Office Automation for the Provision of a Copier/Document Center for the Police Department at a Monthly Lease Rate of \$267.82 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Fumo

Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2025-40

Approving the Use of Borough Property by the  
Island Heights Methodist Church as follows:

Van Sant Park – Easter Egg Hunt - April 19, 2025 –  
10 AM to 12 Noon

Wanamaker Gazebo – Sunrise Service – April 20,  
2025 – 6 AM to 7 AM

Camp Meeting Grounds – Camp Meeting Service –  
May 24, 2025 – 6 PM to 8 PM

(By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2025-41

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

Motion: Mr. Baxter

Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2025-42

Approving the Cancelling of Unspent Balances of  
Various Improvement Authorizations within the  
General Capital Fund

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2025-43

Approving the Appointment of Officer Dominique  
D’Amico-Violante to the Position of Detective for  
the Island Heights Police Department with an  
Effective Date of March 15, 2025

Motion: Mr. Gabriel

Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2025-44

Honoring and Recognizing the Work of Bernadette Doyle as a Volunteer for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Ocean County

Motion: Mr. Baxter

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2025-45

Approving and Authorizing the Proposal from the Borough Engineer for the Provision of Services related to the Borough Water Conservation and Water Supply Emergency Plan in an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,500.00 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2025-46

Authorizing the Refund a Road Opening Bond Posted for Block 46 – Lot 33.02 – 15 Garden Avenue to ARYA Properties

Motion: Mr. Gabriel

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2025-47

Approving the Following related to the Holly Avenue and Lake Drive Road Improvement Project:

Change Order #1 in the Amount of \$27,057.53

Pay Estimate # 3 in the Amount of \$14,054.87

Pay Estimate # 4 in the Amount of \$166,644.68

Upon the Availability of Funds

(By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Ms. Healy

Resolution 2025-48

Approving a Partial Payment to All Vinyl Fence, LLC in the Amount of \$57,258.46 for Memorial Field and Court Fencing, Upon the Availability of Funds (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2025-50

Approving and Providing for Amendments to the Temporary Appropriations Approved Prior to the Final Adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2025-51

Approving the Recommendation of the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee for the Purchase of Block 29 – Lot 14 – 237 Westray Avenue - to be Preserved as Open Space

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
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:

None

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

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

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Voting Record:

Mr. Baxter	Mr. Fumo	Mr. Gabriel	Ms. Healy	Ms. Pendleton	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.

**Notes:** Mayor Doyle abstained as to Resolution 2025-44

Mr. Gabriel voted No as to Resolution 2025-51

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

Resolution 2025-49                      Approving Payment of all of the Items on the Bill  
List Submitted by the Purchasing Agent (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Mr. Baxter

Discussion/Comments: None

Voting Record:

Mr. Baxter	Mr. Fumo	Mr. Gabriel	Ms. Healy	Ms. Pendleton	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
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## **MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:**

**Ms. Healy** – At Central Regional High, the J.R.O.C. Ball took place earlier in the month to recognize the leaders and student volunteers.

At our Elementary School, the two sessions of pre-school to start in September are now full, you can contact the school to place your child on a waiting list in the event of later vacancies.

**Mr. Fumo** – Our Fire Company answered seventeen calls for service in February and conducted three training drills which included training at homes in the Borough that are scheduled for demolition. The company participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Polar Plunge in Seaside Heights.

Our First Aid Squad has responded to thirty five calls year to date. They have moved into their new headquarters on Lake Avenue. They will be conducting their annual flower sale over the Easter Weekend.

**Mr. Gabriel** – Our Police Department now has an Officer designated as Detective effective on March 15<sup>th</sup>, congratulations to Officer D'Amico-Violante.

The Department continues to seek Class II Officers for the summer, a posting is active.

The Department issued fifty eight summons in February following one hundred six motor vehicle stops.

**Mr. Baxter** – Our Planning Board will meet this Thursday; they have a Resolution regarding a subdivision to consider.

Our Municipal Court has gross revenue of \$4,200.00 year to date with the next Court on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Pendleton** – Our DPW is busy assisting with the water meter replacement project, shutting off water at various locations so that work may proceed.

Several pumps have needed replacement at our water plant over the past month.

DPW has been dealing with graffiti at our Central Avenue Pavilion and cleaning our storm drains with the recent heavy rains.

DPW erected a raptor perch near the community garden and the playground equipment their was repaired and painted.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, our Environmental Committee will be celebrating Earth and Arbor Days at the Wanamaker Complex with giveaways of seeds and plants and a cleanup throughout the Borough, please come out and join the volunteers.

Our Cultural and Heritage Association will be continuing their lecturer series at the Ocean County Artists Guild Headquarters on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM. The topic will be submarine activity off of our coast during World War II.

**Mr. Weber** – Along with several other Council Members, I attended the Grand Opening of the new Island Heights Bagelry on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was a great turnout by our residents and the food was excellent, best of luck to this new restaurant.

In our Construction Office, our inspectors have completed 125 inspections so far this year to protect the safety of our property owners. The Office has processed 64 building and subcode permits for work being done on commercial and residential properties in the Borough.

Our Code Enforcement Office has completed nine occupancy certificate inspections to date as well as seven zoning permit reviews. The Office wants to remind everyone that our Recreation Badges are being sold at the discounted price of \$20.00 through April 30th, on May 1st the price will increase to \$25.00. Over 250 Recreation Badges have already been sold.

**Mayor Doyle** – We are in the process of obtaining quotes for the repair of our boardwalk that was damaged by a motorist.

The new fencing at the Memorial Field courts is completed, now both the tennis and basketball courts are fenced.

The Holly Avenue and Lake Drive road improvement project is essentially finished, the contractor will be returning to complete a few punch list items.

I want to recognize Councilman Fumo, he volunteered and completed the installation of new tile flooring at the new First Aid Squad Headquarters, our thanks for this generation donation of time.

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

No comments

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mayor Doyle entertained a:**

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Mr. Gabriel

Voice Vote:                      Yes: Unanimous                      No \_\_\_\_\_

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sean Asay  
Borough Clerk**