

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2025

MAYOR DOYLE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7 PM 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>Present</u>	Absent
Council Member Fumo	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Council Member Gabriel	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Council Member Healy	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Council Member Pendleton	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Council Member Weber	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Mayor Doyle	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Borough Attorney Mr. Zabarsky	<u>Present</u>	Absent

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:

Ordinance 2025-03 – Public Hearing - Proposed Adoption

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

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2025-03 is now open, persons who Wish to comment, please ask to be recognized and state your name for the Record:

Public Comments:

No Comments

Motion to Close Public Hearing:

Motion: Mr. Baxter
Second: Mr. Gabriel

Voice Vote: Yes: Unanimous No:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Adopt Proposed Ordinance 2025-03 as Introduced:

Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Ms. Healy

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:

Ordinance 2025-04 – Proposed Introduction

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

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Introduce Proposed
Ordinance 2025-04

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 2025-04

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

Items in **Bold** type are thus new language

[7-6.2 Stop Intersections.](#)

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-140, the following described intersections are hereby designated as stop intersections. Stop signs shall be installed as provided therein.

Intersection	Stop Sign(s) On
Bay Avenue and VanSant Avenue	Exit from Post Office
Bay Avenue and VanSant Avenue	Bay Avenue
Bay Avenue and Summit Avenue	Bay Avenue
Bayview and Ocean Avenue	Bayview
Beech Avenue and VanSant Avenue	Beech Avenue
Beech Avenue and Summit Avenue	Beech Avenue
Camp Walk and West Camp Walk	Camp Walk
Cedar Place and Ocean Avenue	Cedar Place
Cedar Avenue and Ocean Avenue	Cedar Avenue
Cedar Avenue and VanSant Avenue	Cedar Avenue
Cedar Avenue and Summit Avenue	Cedar Avenue
Cedar Place and Park Avenue	Cedar Place
Central Avenue and Route 37	Central Avenue
Chestnut Avenue and Lake Avenue	Chestnut Avenue
Chestnut Avenue and Summit Avenue	Chestnut Avenue
Chestnut Avenue and Ocean Avenue	Chestnut Avenue
Chestnut Avenue and River Avenue	Chestnut Avenue
Dirmitt Avenue and Bay Avenue	Dirmitt Avenue
Dirmitt Avenue and East End Avenue	Dirmitt Avenue
East Camp Walk and Highland Avenue	East Camp Walk

Intersection	Stop Sign(s) On
East Camp Walk and Highland Avenue	East Camp Walk
East End Avenue and Summit Avenue	East End Avenue
East End Avenue and VanSant Avenue	East End Avenue
Ensor Place and Ocean Avenue	Ensor Place
Fletcher Place and Ensor Place	Fletcher Place
Fletcher Place and Westray Avenue	Fletcher Place
Garden Avenue and West End Avenue	Garden Avenue
Garden Avenue and Maple Avenue	Garden Avenue
Garfield Avenue and Jackson Avenue	Garfield Avenue
Garfield Avenue and Garden Avenue	Garfield Avenue
Garden Avenue and Central Avenue	Garden Avenue
Gilford Avenue and Jackson Avenue	Jackson Avenue
Gilford Avenue and Garden Avenue	Gilford Avenue
Highland Avenue and Ocean Avenue	Highland Avenue
Holly Avenue and Ocean Avenue	Holly Avenue
Jackson Avenue and Maple Avenue	Jackson Avenue
Jackson Avenue and Route 37	Jackson Avenue

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Resolution 2025-52

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

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Ms. Pendleton

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	<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:
MUNICIPAL BUDGET INTRODUCTION:**

Resolution 2025-54

Approving the Introduction of the 2025 Municipal Budget as Proposed and Setting the Date of the Public Hearing as May 27, 2025 at 7 PM (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Fumo
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2025-55

Approving the Reading of the Proposed 2025 Municipal Budget by Title Only upon the date of the Public Hearing on said Proposed Budget on May 27, 2025

Motion: Mr. Fumo
Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2025-56

Approving and Certifying Compliance with the United States Equal Opportunity Commissions Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Motion: Mr. Baxter
Second: Mr. Weber

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Adopt Resolutions 2025-54, 55 and 56:

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Mr. Fumo

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.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 2025-57

Approving the 2024 Borough Recycling Tax Identification Statement (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Fumo
Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2025-58

Approving Change Order #1 (\$27,100.50) and Payment Estimate #2 (\$34,589.20) for the Garden, Garfield and Maple Avenues Road Improvement Project, Upon the Availability of Funds (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2025-59

Authorizing the Tax Collector to Issue Estimated Property Tax Bills for the Third Quarter of 2025

Motion: Mr. Fumo
Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2025-60

Approving and Expressing the Support of the Mayor and Council for National Library Week – April 6 - 12, 2025

Motion: Ms. Healy
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:

Christine Maloney (Island Heights Librarian) – Thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of National Library Week. She said that this year the Library will be celebrating their one hundredth anniversary and some events are being planned. The teen volunteers program will continue this summer in its twenty fifth year and she reminded everyone of their very successful summer reading program for adults and children.

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

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

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Mr. Fumo

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.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE BILL LIST AND PROCUREMENTS:

Resolution 2025-61

Approving Payment of all of the Items on the Bill List and the Supplemental 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. Healy	Ms. Pendleton	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 COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Mr. Gabriel – Our Police Department is seeking help for the summer season via Class II Officers, a posting has been circulated and they are beginning to screen applicants.

Mr. Baxter – Our Municipal Court will have session next on April 14th. I completed the course offered by the Borough's insurance carrier for members of the Governing Body. This will get the Borough a discount on their premium, I urge all of my colleagues to take the course and we all must complete our Financial Disclosure Reports by April 30th.

Ms. Pendleton – DPW completed a clean up of our property behind the water plant on Summit Avenue, it is looking good. The Borough will celebrate Earth Day on April 26th at the Wanamaker Complex starting at 9 AM. If you are a gardener, please remember to renew your bed at the Community Garden, agreements are available at the Borough Office.

Ms. Healy – Our Elementary School and Regionals will be on Spring Break starting on April 18th. Several of our Elementary School students are preparing to participate in the 5K here in the Borough in early May.

I thank our Librarian for being with us tonight and for her dedicated service to our Library as we celebrate National Library Week. I urge all of our residents to visit the Library and see all that they have to offer.

Mr. Fumo – Our First Aid Squad has responded to forty calls so far this year. They will be holding their Annual Easter Flower Sale starting on April 17th. Our Recreation Committee will be holding our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Wanamaker Complex on April 13th, refreshments will be served. Our Fire Company is selling advance tickets for Summerbrew for \$40.00 until April 30th, see any firefighter to purchase.

Mr. Weber - In our Construction Office, we have processed and issued 45 UCC permits year to date for work totaling 1.5 million dollars being done on commercial and residential properties in the Borough. Our inspectors have completed 191 inspections so far this year to protect the safety of our property owners. Our Code Enforcement Office has completed twelve occupancy certificate inspections to date as well as twelve 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 380 Recreation Badges have already been sold.

Mayor Doyle – At our next meeting on May 27th we will consider the adoption of our Municipal Budget, over seven years we have held our increases to just two cents. Moodys Rating Service held a rating call with us recently and raised our Bond Rating to allow any necessary borrowing to be done at a lower rate. My thanks to my colleagues on the Council and our staff who have worked to keep our spending under control so that our Borough continues to be an affordable place for families to live.

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

No Comments

MAYOR DOYLE ENTERTAINED A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Gabriel
Second: Mr. Baxter

Voice Vote: Yes: Unanimous No _____

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sean Asay
Borough Clerk**