

# Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

July 08, 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 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	Present	<u>Absent</u> (excused)
Mayor Doyle	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Borough Attorney Mr. Zabarsky	<u>Present</u>	Absent

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

Resolution 2025-92

Commending Detective Dominique D’Amico-Violante and Officer Sergio DePinto upon their Receiving the Island Heights Police Department Class A Award for their Actions in the Line of Duty on April 6, 2025

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Gabriel

Voting Record:

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

Mayor Doyle read a detailed account of the events of April 6, 2025 and commended Detective D’Amico-Violante and Officer Sergio DePinto for their actions and bravery In dealing with a potentially dangerous and volatile situation.

Mr. Gabriel presented the awards along with Lt. Rutledge and Sgt. Caruso

Mayor Doyle recognized and thanked all of the friends and family members who Attended the meeting to recognize the award recipients.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**Ordinance 2025-05 – Public Hearing - Proposed Adoption**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS,  
AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 2022-10, ADOPTED ON  
NOVEMBER 15, 2022, TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2025-05 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. Gabriel  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Voice Vote:                      Yes: Unanimous                      No:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt Ordinance 2025-05  
As Introduced:

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Voting Record:

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

**ORDINANCE 2025-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 2022-10, ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 15, 2022, TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PREVIOUSLY SPECIFIED THEREIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights (the “**Borough**”), heretofore adopted Bond Ordinance 2022-10, entitled:

**“BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HOLLY AVENUE AND LAKE DRIVE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$550,000.00) TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$550,000.00) OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS”**

(the “**Original Bond Ordinance**”), pursuant to which the Borough authorized the issuance of bonds and notes up to the aggregate principal amount of \$550,000.00 to fund the costs of construction of roadway improvements to Holly Avenue and Lake Drive under the 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program (the “**Construction Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the costs for the Construction Project have exceeded the amount appropriated for such project under the Original Bond Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council believes it to be in the best interests of the residents of the Borough to increase the original appropriation for the Construction Project as set forth in the Original Bond Ordinance so that the Construction Project may be completed.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights (not less than two-thirds (2/3) of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), as follows:

**Section 1. Definitions.** The Original Bond Ordinance, as hereby amended, shall be referred to as the “**Amended Bond Ordinance**”.

**Section 2. Amendments to Original Bond Ordinance.**

- (a) The “Appropriation and Estimated Cost” of the improvements described in Section 3 of the Original Bond Ordinance is hereby increased by \$200,000.00 from \$550,000.00 to \$750,000.00
- (b) As a result of the increase in appropriation under Section 2(a), above, the “Amount of Bonds or Notes” under the Original Bond Ordinance as set forth in Section 3 of the Original Bond Ordinance shall be increased by \$200,000.00 from \$550,000.00 to \$750,000.00 for the Construction Project.

(c) The authorized soft costs as set forth in Section 6(d) of the Original Bond Ordinance are hereby amended and increased by \$35,000.00 from \$100,000.00 to \$135,000.00, reflecting updated professional services, legal fees, permitting, and other incidental expenses necessary to carry out the project as originally authorized. This amendment does not alter the overall scope of the project but ensures that the financial provisions accurately reflect the current and anticipated expenditures.

(d) There is no down payment required for the Construction Project as set forth in the Original Bond Ordinance and no additional down payment will be required as this amendment authorizes obligations for a project that will be partially funded through grant monies.

**Section 3. Period of Usefulness.** The average period of usefulness of the improvements and purposes authorized herein, as set forth in Section 6(b) of the Original Bond Ordinance, taking into account the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and computed in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-22 shall remain unchanged at **10 years**.

**Section 4. Supplemental Debt Statement.**

(a) This Amended Bond Ordinance increases the aggregate appropriation and the authorization of bonds or notes under the Original Bond Ordinance and, as such, constitutes an increase in indebtedness of the Borough. A Supplemental Debt Statement has been prepared and filed in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-10 of the Local Bond Law.

(b) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed 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 this amendment to the Original Bond Ordinance by the additional sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), and the Notes and Bonds authorized by the Original Bond Ordinance as hereby amended will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 5. Ratification of Original Bond Ordinance.** The Original Bond Ordinance is hereby reaffirmed in its entirety and shall remain in full force except as modified herein.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Amended Bond Ordinance amending the Original Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law of New Jersey.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE 2025-06 – Public Hearing - Proposed Adoption**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS,  
AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 2023-11, ADOPTED ON  
NOVEMBER 14, 2023, TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2025-06 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. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Baxter

Voice Vote:                      Yes: Unanimous                      No:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt Ordinance 2025-06  
As Introduced:

Motion: Mr. Gabriel  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Voting Record:

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

**ORDINANCE 2025-06**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 2023-11, ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 14, 2023, TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PREVIOUSLY SPECIFIED THEREIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey (the “**Borough**”), heretofore adopted Bond Ordinance No. 2023-11, entitled:

**“BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GARDEN AVENUE, GARFIELD AVENUE AND MAPLE AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$450,000.00) TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$450,000.00) OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS”**

(the “**Original Bond Ordinance**”), pursuant to which the Borough authorized the issuance of bonds and notes up to the aggregate principal amount of \$450,000.00 to fund the costs of construction of roadway improvements to Garden Avenue, Garfield Avenue and Maple Avenue under the 2023 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program (the “**Construction Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the costs for the Construction Project have exceeded the amount appropriated for such project under the Original Bond Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council believes it to be in the best interests of the residents of the Borough to increase the original appropriation for the Construction Project as set forth in the Original Bond Ordinance so that the Construction Project may conclude.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Island Heights (not less than two-thirds (2/3) of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), as follows:

**Section 1. Definitions.** The Original Bond Ordinance, as hereby amended, shall be referred to as the “**Amended Bond Ordinance**”.

**Section 2. Amendments to Original Bond Ordinance.**

(e) The “Appropriation and Estimated Cost” of the improvements described in Section 3 of the Original Bond Ordinance is hereby increased by \$150,000.00 from \$450,000.00 to \$600,000.00.

- (f) As a result of the increase in appropriation under Section 2(a), above, the “Amount of Bonds or Notes” under the Original Bond Ordinance as set forth in Section 3 of the Original Bond Ordinance shall be increased by \$150,000.00 from \$450,000.00 to \$600,000.00 for the Construction Project.
- (g) The authorized soft costs as set forth in Section 6(d) of the Original Bond Ordinance are hereby amended and increased by \$50,000.00 from \$70,000.00 to \$120,000.00, reflecting updated professional services, legal fees, permitting, and other incidental expenses necessary to carry out the project as originally authorized. This amendment does not alter the overall scope of the project but ensures that the financial provisions accurately reflect the current and anticipated expenditures.
- (h) There is no down payment required for the Construction Project as set forth in the Original Bond Ordinance and no additional down payment will be required as this amendment authorizes obligations for a project that will be partially funded through grant monies.

**Section 3. Period of Usefulness.** The average period of usefulness of the improvements and purposes authorized herein, as set forth in Section 6(b) of the Original Bond Ordinance, taking into account the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and computed in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-22 shall remain unchanged at **10 years**.

**Section 4. Supplemental Debt Statement.**

- (c) This Amended Bond Ordinance increases the aggregate appropriation and the authorization of bonds or notes under the Original Bond Ordinance and, as such, constitutes an increase in indebtedness of the Borough. A Supplemental Debt Statement has been prepared and filed in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-10 of the Local Bond Law.
- (d) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed 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 this amendment to the Original Bond Ordinance by the additional sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), and the Notes and Bonds authorized by the Original Bond Ordinance as hereby amended will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 5. Ratification of Original Bond Ordinance.** The Original Bond Ordinance is hereby reaffirmed in its entirety and shall remain in full force except as modified herein.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Amended Bond Ordinance amending the Original Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law of New Jersey.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE 2025-07 – Public Hearing - Proposed Adoption**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS,  
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOROUGH CODE CHAPTER  
7 – ENTITLED – TRAFFIC

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2025-074 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. Gabriel  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Voice Vote:                      Yes: Unanimous                      No:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt Ordinance 2025-07  
As Introduced:

Motion: Mr. Fumo  
Second: Mr. Baxter

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

**ORDINANCE 2025-07**

**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 following shall be added to Chapter 7 of the Borough Code as a new Section:

**7-3.10 BOAT RAMP AND BOAT YARD DOCK PARKING**

- a. At the Borough Municipal Boat Ramp and Boat Yard Dock, the parking of vehicles and trailers shall be only in the lined spaces at the western terminus of Lake Drive.
- b. Vehicles without trailers shall be parked head on facing the bulkhead in the lined spaces at the western terminus of Lake Drive.
- c. Vehicles with trailers attached shall be backed into the lined spaces at the western terminus of Lake Drive. Only trailers which are attached to a vehicle may be parked at this location.
- d. The parking of vehicles and vehicles with trailers attached shall be permitted from 6 AM to 10 PM. The overnight parking of vehicles and/or vehicles with trailers attached is prohibited.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**Ordinance 2025-08 – Public Hearing - Proposed Adoption**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, A CAPITAL ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SIMPSON AVENUE GROIN AND BOROUGH BUILDING AND GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) THEREFORE

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2025-08 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. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Baxter

Voice Vote: Yes: Unanimous No:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt Ordinance 2025-08  
As Introduced:

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Baxter

Voting Record:

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

**ORDINANCE 2025-08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SIMPSON AVENUE GROIN AND BOROUGH BUILDING AND GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) THEREFORE**

**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring), DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.**

The improvements described in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Island Heights, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey (the “Borough”), as general capital improvements. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$200,000.00 as required by the Local Bond Law. The total sum is now available by virtue of surplus funds available within the Capital Improvement Fund.

**SECTION 2.**

The Borough hereby authorizes the appropriation of \$200,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the following purposes (including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto):

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|--|--------------|
| 1. Improvements to Simpson Avenue Groin              | \$140,000.00 |
| 2. Various Borough Building and Grounds Improvements | \$60,000.00  |

**SECTION 3.**

The improvements described in Section 2 of this ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

**SECTION 4.**

Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 2 hereof shall be applied to the direct payment of the cost of the improvements.

**SECTION 5.**

The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget will be filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**SECTION 6.**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication as required by law.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**Ordinance 2025-09 – Public Hearing - Proposed Adoption**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, A CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER/SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS AND APPROPRIATING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) THEREFORE

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2025-09 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. Gabriel

Second: Mr. Fumo

Voice Vote:                      Yes: Unanimous                      No:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt Ordinance 2025-09 As Introduced:

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Baxter

Voting Record:

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

**ORDINANCE 2025-09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS  
WATER SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND  
HEIGHTS AND APPROPRIATING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS  
(\$200,000.00) THEREFORE**

**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.**

The improvements described in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Island Heights (the “**Borough**”), as general capital improvements. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Utility Capital Improvement Fund and \$190,000.00 from the Utility Capital Fund Balance.

**SECTION 2.**

The Borough hereby authorizes the use of the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Utility Capital Improvement Fund and \$190,000.00 from the Utility Capital Fund Balance for the following purposes (including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto):

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|---|-------------|
| 1. Replacement of certain potable water mains and lateral connection infrastructure         | \$50,000.00 |
| 2. Replacement/Renovation of certain Wastewater Mains and Lateral Connection Infrastructure | \$50,000.00 |
| 3. Replacement/Renovation of Certain Wastewater Lift/Pump Stations                          | \$30,000.00 |
| 4. Renovation of certain sections of Borough Potable Water Treatment Plant                  | \$40,000.00 |
| 5. Replacement/Renovation of Certain Stormwater Drains, Mains and Attached Infrastructure   | \$30,000.00 |

**SECTION 3.**

The improvements described in Section 2 of this ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

**SECTION 4.**

Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 2 hereof shall be applied to the direct payment of the cost of the improvements.

**SECTION 5.**

The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget will be filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**SECTION 6.**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication as required by law.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**Ordinance 2025-10 – Public Hearing - Proposed Adoption**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, A BOND ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE CHESTNUT, PARK AND WESTRAY AVENUES ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) TO PAY THE COST THEREOF

The Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2025-10 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. Fumo  
Second: Ms. Healy

Voice Vote: Yes: Unanimous No:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt Ordinance 2025-10  
As Introduced:

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Baxter

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

**ORDINANCE 2025-10**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHESTNUT AVENUE, PARK AVENUE AND WESTRAY AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

**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 or acquired by the Borough of Island Heights, in the County of Ocean, 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). In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11c, no down payment is required as this Bond Ordinance authorizes a project funded by a State grant.

**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 Projects**

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:

<b>IMPROVEMENT OR <u>PURPOSE</u></b>	<b>APPROPRIATION AND <u>ESTIMATED COST</u></b>	<b>AMOUNT OF BONDS <u>OR NOTES</u></b>
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Construction of Roadway Improvements to Chestnut Avenue, Park Avenue and Westray Avenue pursuant to the 2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program, including milling and overlay, paving and curbs, such new roadway pavement to be at least equal in useful life or durability to a road of Class B construction, as referred to in Section 40A:2-22 of the Local Bond Law, together with the construction or reconstruction of drainage facilities, demolition of unfit structures, pavement preparation, pavement construction or reconstruction, asphalt concrete resurfacing, driveway, curb, sidewalk and shoulder restoration, handicapped accessible curb ramps, and 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 or to be filed 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

**TOTAL**      \$500,000.00      \$500,000.00

The excess of the appropriation made for such improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefore, as stated above, not including the amount of any grant, is the amount of the said down payments for said purposes.

**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 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 **10 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 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 TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$110,000.00) 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) There is no down payment required for this Bond Ordinance as this Bond Ordinance authorizes obligations of the Borough solely for a project that will be funded by a State grant in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11c.

**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 first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**Ordinance 2025-11 – Proposed Introduction**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS,  
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 19 OF THE  
BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED – PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND  
OTHER PUBLIC SPACES

Motion to Waive Reading and Introduce Proposed  
Ordinance 2025-11

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Baxter

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

**ORDINANCE 2025-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 19 OF  
THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED – PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND OTHER  
PUBLIC SPACES**

The following shall repeal and replace Chapter 19-2.8 of the Borough Code:

19-2.8. Vehicles and Trailers - Launching of Watercraft

- a. No person, except those enumerated below, shall bring, operate or park any motor vehicle upon any public beach, dock, boardwalk area, park area or other recreation area within the Borough unless they receive prior written permission from the Borough.
  1. Employees of the Borough in the performance of their duties
  2. Emergency vehicles
- b. Non-motorized watercraft that are eighteen (18) feet in total length or less may be launched at the following locations:
  1. The Borough Watercraft Launching Ramp located at the western terminus of Lake Drive
  2. Long Point Park on the beach area east of the groin
  3. The eastern terminus of Park Avenue
  4. The south end of Wanamaker Beach

- c. Motorized watercraft shall be launched only from the Borough Watercraft Launching Ramp located at the western terminus of Lake Drive.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Resolution 2025-91                      Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council Conducted on May 27, 2025 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Healy  
Second: Mr. Baxter

Comments/Discussion: None

Voting Record:

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

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

Resolution 2025-93                      Approving and Expressing the Support of the Mayor and Council for the Efforts of the Island Heights Green Team in Seeking a Recertification of the Bronze Level of the Borough from Sustainable New Jersey

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2025-94                      Approving the Membership of Bradyn Parks, Jonathan (Nate) Brodbeck, Jr. and Abigail Brodbeck in the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company Junior Firefighter Auxiliary Program

Motion: Mr. Baxter  
Second: Ms. Healy

Resolution 2025-95

Approving the New Borough of Island Heights Employee Policy and Procedure Manual with an Effective Date of July 1, 2025

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2025-96

Authorizing and Committing the Borough to Continued Work to Develop and Implement a Long Range Plan to Address Stormwater Issues

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Gabriel

Resolution 2025-97

Approving the Refund of a Construction Fee Overpayment on Block 28 – Lot 34 – 107 Cedar Avenue to Zoey Zdenka Novak of Island Heights, New Jersey in the Amount of \$200.00

Motion: Mr. Baxter

Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2025-98

Approving and Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2025 Budget of the Borough Pursuant to Chapter 159, P.L. 1948

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2025-99

Approving the Hiring of Damon Terry as a Part Time Laborer for the Department of Public Works Effective on June 7, 2025 at an Hourly Rate of \$17.00

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2025-100

Approving the Adoption of a Notice of Tort Claim Form for the Borough in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 59:8-6

Motion: Mr. Baxter

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2025-101

Approving and Authorizing the Submission of the 2026 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Application Requesting \$485,000.00 for the Maple, Oak and Simpson Avenue Road Improvements

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Ms. Healy

Resolution 2025-102

Approving the Refund of a Property Tax Overpayment for Block 43 - Lot 1.02 – 46 Jackson Avenue – to Tax Lien Fund, LP of Jackson, New Jersey in the Amount of \$2,290.41

Motion: Mr. Fumo

Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2025-103

Approving and Authorizing the Proposal from the Borough Engineer for GIS Stormwater Mapping of the Borough in an Amount Not to Exceed \$18,750.00 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2025-104

Approving the Use of the Memorial Field by the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company for a Kickball Showdown on July 18, 2025, Between the Hours of 6 PM and 9 PM (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Fumo

Second: Mr. Baxter

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

No Comments

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: Mr. Baxter  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Voting Record:

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

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

Resolution 2025-105

Approving Payment of all of the Items on the Bill List Submitted by the Purchasing Agent as well as the Invoices from Republic Services Dated May 15, 2025 (\$2,500.00) and June 15, 2025 (\$1,750.00) and the Invoices from Roger Locandro, Jr., Inc. (# 25-00354 and 25- 00364) totaling \$7,000.00 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Discussion/Comments: None

Voting Record:

Mr. Baxter	Mr. Fumo	Mr. Gabriel	Ms. Healy	Ms. Pendleton	Mr. Weber	Mayor Doyle
<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:**

**Ms. Healey** – Introduced Sue Cowdrick, Island Heights representative on the Central Regional Board of Education:

**Sue Cowdrick** – At the Central Regional High School the 2025 valedictorian was an Island Heights student. In total the High School Seniors received \$130,000.00 in college scholarship funds.

The property tax rate for the regional district will rise 4.7 cents for Island Heights property owners as a result of increased utility and benefit costs for the district.

The regionalization study for the elementary schools has been delayed by data collection but should be released early in the fall.

Ms. Cowdrick discussed the make up of the Regional School Board for the District.

**Ms. Healy** – Contined her Report; All of our residents are urged to used our Library, it is a great summer resource to keep our reading skill sharp and participate in their summer reading programs for adults and children.

The preschool program at our Elementary School is full for the coming term but you can contact the school to have your child placed on a waiting list. Kindergarten registration is now open if our child will be qualified for the fall term.

**Mr. Fumo** – Our Fire Company is having a busy summer with their membership drive, Summerbrew, our Bike Parade and their assistance with the River Fireworks. In June they responded to twenty four calls for service and they installed twelve new junior auxiliary members.

Our First Aid Squad has responded to one hundred fourteen calls for service so far this year. They participated in the Bike Parade and assisted with coverage for the River Fireworks.

Our Recreation Committee coordinated the July 4<sup>th</sup> Bike Parade and they are already at work on the America 250 Committee for the Borough for 2026.

**Mr. Gabriel** – Thanks to our Police Department for their work securing the Bike Parade and Fireworks events.

Our Police Department will be adding another full time Officer in October as the hiring of part time Officers has become more difficult and the turnover of staff has accelerated.

**Mr. Baxter** – Our Planning Board will meet next on July 17<sup>th</sup> to adopt a Resolution and several other applications are pending.

Our thanks to our First Aid Squad and Chief Gary Stocco for his assistance with the sailing events and races on the River, he has provided EMS coverage and has been very generous with his time and resources.

Our Municipal Court will be in session next on July 14th.

**Ms. Pendleton** – DPW supervised the installation of our new Holiday Tree at Memorial Field and a watering system is in place. They did a wonderful job cleaning up and decorating for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

Our two new Historic Markers at Camp Meeting and at the site of the former Railroad Station are in place.

Our Cultural and Heritage Association had a very successful Garden Tour.

**Mayor Doyle** received the concurrence of the Governing Body to have our Borough Clerk and Solicitor investigate the agreements that memorialized the makeup of the Regional School Board.

Our Fire Company had a Summerbrew event that fell below their fundraising expectations, please consider making a donation to the Fire Company.

Our Bike Parade was very well attended on July 4<sup>th</sup> and a great time was had by all.

We have some upcoming paving work in the fall with the County to handle Van Sant and the Borough to restore and pave Chestnut, Park and Westray Avenues.

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

**Caitlin Harney** – Commented on stormwater drainage and sidewalks in the area of Siddons Court and Lake Avenue.

**Michael Barone** – Commented on street sweeping and stormwater drainage in the area of Siddons Court and Lake Avenue.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Doyle entertained a

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Motion: Mr. Gabriel

Second: Ms. Pendleton

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sean Asay  
Borough Clerk**