

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

September 2, 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	Present	<u>Absent</u> (excused)
Council Member Pendleton	Present	<u>Absent</u> (excused)
Council Member Weber	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Mayor Doyle	<u>Present</u>	Absent
Borough Attorney Mr. Zabarsky	<u>Present</u>	Absent

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Resolution 2025-114 Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council Conducted on August 12, 2025 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Baxter
Second: Mr. Weber

Comments/Discussion: 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>	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	<u>Yes/No</u>
Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	<u>Abs.</u>	<u>Abs.</u>	<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTIONS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 2025-115 Approving and Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2025 Budget of the Borough Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 - 2025 Recycling Tonnage Grant - \$2,668.41

Motion: Mr. Baxter
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2025-116 Approving the Awarding of a Contract for Painting of Certain Sections of the Central Avenue Pavilion to Certa-Pro Painters of Toms River in an Amount Not to Exceed \$8,000.00 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Gabriel
Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2025-117 Authorizing the Cancellation of 2025 Property Taxes for Block 34 - Lot 4 – 208 Summit Avenue – Disabled Veteran, in the Amount of \$7,335.85 and Authorizing the Refund any Overpayment Resulting from this Action

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2025-118

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Execute an Agreement for Renewal of Membership in the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a term of Three Years Commencing on January 1, 2026

Motion: Mr. Gabriel
Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2025-119

Recognizing the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Ocean County Library System

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

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE BILL LIST:

Resolution 2025-120

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

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Mr. Fumo

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

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Mr. Gabriel – For the month of July, our Police Officers issued a total of one hundred fifteen summons. Our Police Commanders have been meeting with our public safety partners and preparing Sailfest on September 6th. One of our police vehicles was struck by another vehicle in the Borough and due to its age, the vehicle has been totaled out by our insurance carrier. We will apply the payout towards a new police vehicle in 2026.

Mr. Baxter – Our Planning Board will be meeting on September 11th with two applications for consideration.

I want to recognize Mr. Gabriel and the Members of the Island Heights Fire Company for their operation of the Labor Day Games. It was a great event that is put on for our families with no cost to participate and a great time was had by all.

I encourage everyone to sign up for the Newsletter and Email updates that are sent by the Borough, it is great way to stay up to date on activities and events going on around the Borough.

Mr. Weber - In our Construction Office, we have processed and issued 222 UCC permits year to date for work totaling 3.5 million dollars being done on commercial and residential properties in the Borough. Our inspectors have completed 468 inspections so far this year to protect the safety of our property owners.

We welcome Remax Realtors to the Borough after they completely renovated the former swim school on the highway and passed all UCC inspections, the building and their business is a great addition to our highway commercial district.

Our Code Enforcement Office has completed 36 occupancy certificate inspections to date as well as 35 zoning permit reviews over 1,300 Recreation Badges have been sold. We continue to invite our community organizations and nonprofits to submit content for our Borough Television channel where we are happy to promote their events and accomplishments.

Mr. Fumo – Our First Aid Squad has responded to one hundred sixty five calls so far this year. They provided coverage at the Labor Day Games and have begun the planning for EMS coverage at Sailfest. The Sailfest EMS Plan includes County Resources and the participation of six other EMS units from around Ocean County.

Our Fire Company responded to twelve calls during the past month and ran two training drills. Two firefighters attending pump operator training at the Fire Academy. The Company ran the very successful Labor Day Games and then defeated the Toms River Fire Company in the annual softball game.

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

Christine Maloney – Mayor Doyle recognized the Librarian of our Public Library. Ms. Maloney thanked the Mayor and Council for their recognition of the one hundredth anniversary of the Ocean County Library System. Our Library began operation at the current site in 1907 and in 1981 it became a part of the County Library System. The system now operates branches throughout Ocean County and provides a myriad of services to County residents including the loaning of books and videos and access to periodicals and even museum admissions through their website. Ms. Maloney said that the anniversary celebration will continue through the end of October and she encouraged everyone to visit our branch and their website to see all that is offered by the Library System.

Christopher Raimann – Mayor Doyle recognized Mr. Raimann to speak on behalf of the Purpose and Hope Organization. Mr. Raimann said that the organization would again like to hold their Survivor Day 5K in the Borough on November 22nd using the Wanamaker Complex and surrounding streets. He explained that the organization continues their work to promote mental health among public safety professionals to prevent suicides. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the event over the past several years and said that Island Heights has always supported their public safety professionals.

Mayor Doyle entertained a Motion to Adopt:

Resolution 2025-121

Approving the Use of the Wanamaker Complex and Adjacent Streets by the Purpose and Hope Organization for the Conducting of the Survivor Day 5K Race on November 22, 2024 Between the Hours of 8 AM and Noon Contingent Upon the Sponsor Providing Proof of Insurance Coverage to the Borough (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Gabriel

Second: Mr. Weber

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Gabriel

Second: Mr. Baxter

Voice Vote:

Yes: Unanimous

No:

The Meeting was adjourned by Unanimous Consent at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sean Asay
Borough Clerk**