

# Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2026

## **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 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 AND REQUESTED A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO MARK THE PASSING OF LONG TIME BOROUGH RESIDENT EVE ALLISON AND ALL OF HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS IN THE BOROUGH, SHE WILL BE MISSED.**

## **MAYOR DOYLE REQUESTED THE ROLL CALL OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS:**

Council Member Baxter	<b><u>Present</u></b>	Absent
Council Member Fumo	<b><u>Present</u></b>	Absent
Council Member Gabriel	Present	<b><u>Absent</u></b> (excused)
Council Member Healy	<b><u>Present</u></b>	Absent
Council Member Pendleton	Present	<b><u>Absent</u></b> (excused)
Council Member Weber	<b><u>Present</u></b>	Absent
Mayor Doyle	<b><u>Present</u></b>	Absent
Borough Attorney Mr. Zabarsky	<b><u>Present</u></b>	Absent

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED A:**

**Presentation – Rotary Club of Toms River**

Recognition of the efforts of the Borough First Responders  
At the 2025 Sailfest Event

George Josephsen and Chris Christensen – Rotary Club of Toms River

The Rotary Club Representatives presented donation checks to the:

Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company and the Island Heights Volunteer  
First Aid Squad

Mr. Christensen thanked the Fire Company and the Squad for all of their  
Assistance and support during the Sailfest event every September.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE 2026-01 – Public Hearing - Proposed Adoption**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS,  
FIXING AND DETERMINING SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES  
OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH

The Public Hearing on Ordinance 2026-01 is now open, persons who wish  
to comment, please ask to be recognized and state your name for the  
record:

No Comments

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Close Public Hearing:

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Mr. Baxter

Voice Vote: Yes: Unanimous No:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt Ordinance  
2026-01 as Introduced:

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

ORDINANCE 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIXING AND DETERMINING SALARIES AND HOURLY  
WAGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF  
ISLAND HEIGHTS that the Following Hourly Wages and Salaries Shall Remain in Effect Until  
a Subsequent Salary and Wage Ordinance is Adopted:

**SECTION 1:** The Salary and Hourly Wage Ranges for Employees of the Borough Shall be as  
Follows:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>WAGES</u>
A. Administrative Assistant	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
B. Affirmative Action Officer	Per Contract
C. Cable Television Officer	Per Contract
D. Chief Financial Officer	\$2,500.00 - \$40,000.00
E. Code Enforcement Officers	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
F. Construction Official	Per Contract
G. Construction Official (Deputy)	Per Contract
H. Construction Sub-Code Inspector	Per Contract
I. Council President	\$3,400.00 - \$4,000.00
J. Council Member	\$3,200.00 - \$3,500.00
K. Deputy Treasurer	\$2,500.00 - \$35,000.00

L.	Fire Official	\$2,500.00 - \$8,000.00
M.	Human Resources Manager	\$2,500.00-\$15,000.00
N.	JIF Fund Commissioner	Per Contract
O.	Mayor	\$4,200.00 - \$6,000.00
P.	Municipal Clerk	Per Contract
Q.	Municipal Clerk - Deputy	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
R.	Municipal Court Administrator	Per Contract
S.	Municipal Court Administrator - Deputy	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
T.	Municipal Court Judge	Per Contract
U.	OEM Coordinator	\$2,500.00 - \$10,000.00
V.	Payroll Clerk	\$2,500.00 - \$25,000.00
W.	Planning Board Secretary	Per Contract
X.	Planning Board Secretary (Deputy)	Per Contract
Y.	Public Works (Utilities) Clerk	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
Z.	Public Works - Director	Per Contract
AA.	Public Works - Foreman	Per Contract
BB.	Public Works - Laborer	Per Contract
CC.	Public Works – Senior Laborer	Per Contract
DD.	Public Works – Principal Laborer	Per Contract
EE.	Public Works – Water Plant Operator (Backup)	Per Contract
FF.	Police Captain	Per Contract
GG.	Police Lieutenant	Per Contract
HH.	Police Officer	Per Contract
II.	Police Officer - Class II	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
JJ.	Police Sergeant	Per Contract
KK.	Qualified Purchasing Agent	Per Contract
LL.	Registrar of Vital Statistics	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
MM.	Tax Assessor	\$2,500.00 - \$30,000.00
NN.	Tax Collector	\$2,500.00 - \$30,000.00
OO.	Tax Collector (Deputy)	Minimum Wage - \$25.00 Per Hour
PP.	Zoning Officer	Per Contract

**SECTION 2:** The Foregoing Salaries and Hourly Wage Ranges Shall be Effective the first full pay period of Calendar Year 2026 and thus Authorized and Memorialized by the Adoption and Publication of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3:** All Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances Heretofore Adopted in Connection with the Aforementioned Subject Matter are Hereby Repealed.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE 2026-02 – Proposed Introduction**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS,  
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOROUGH CODE CHAPTER  
19-2.6 – PARKS AND RECREATION

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Introduce Ordinance  
2026-02:

Motion: Mr. Baxter  
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	Yes/No	<u>Yes</u> /No	Yes/No	<u>Yes</u> /No	<u>Yes</u> /No
Abs.	Abs.	<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.	<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.	Abs.

ORDINANCE 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOROUGH CODE  
CHAPTER 19-2.6 – PARKS AND RECREATION

19-2.6 Regulations.

(Language is *italics* is thus new language)

a.

In the areas set forth in subsection 19-2.1 hereof, there will be:

1.

No disrobing.

2.

(Reserved)

3.

No fires.

4.

No pets.

5.

No trash or water deposited except in receptacles provided for the same.

6.

No business or enterprise conducted without first obtaining a permit from the Governing Body.

7.

No disobedience to the reasonable commands of lifeguards in the performance of their duties.

8.

No skateboarding, no ramps, no hard rubber pucks (hockey rink), no bicycles or scooters, no hanging or climbing on fences, no hanging on rims or backboards (basketball court).

9.

No one shall place any item on the boardwalk that impedes the flow of normal pedestrian traffic.

B.

1.

Private recreational boats or watercraft, for a period not exceeding four (4) hours daily from 7:00 a.m. until dark shall be allowed only upon the area clearly marked on the Central Avenue dock. Additionally, temporary docking (not to exceed thirty (30) minutes) during daylight hours is permitted on the Lake Drive dock. All docking is at the risk of the boat or watercraft owner or operator. There shall be no other temporary docking or loading or unloading or mooring at any Borough bulkhead or dock within the Borough of Island Heights.

c.

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*At the Island Heights Pavilion, occupancy on the second floor of the structure shall be limited to fifteen (15) persons.*

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE 2026-03 – Proposed Introduction**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS,  
TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION  
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Introduce  
Ordinance 2026-03:

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

ORDINANCE 2026-03

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 (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 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 (2.0%), equating to \$56,502.12 for 2026, 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 of the Borough of Island Heights finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2026 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 1.5% increase in the budget for said 2026 budget year, amounting to \$42,376.59 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, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2026 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 1.50%, amounting to \$42,376.59, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Borough of Island Heights be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, 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 electronically 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 electronically filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:**

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Resolution 2026-24                      Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Reorganization and Regular Meetings of the Mayor and Council Conducted on January 2, 2026 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Ms. Healy

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



Resolution 2026-30

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Block 25 – Lot 11 – 125 Van Sant Avenue to Salvatore and Maryann Mattia for the Offered Amount of \$5,200.00

Motion: Mr. Baxter  
Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2026-31

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutors Office for the Participation of our Police Officers in the Fatal Accident Support Team (FAST) Program for 2026

Motion: Mr. Baxter  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2026-32

Approving the Use of River Avenue and Portions of Adjoining Streets by the Rotary Club of Toms River for Sailfest on September 12, 2026 Pending County Approval and Required Administrative Submissions to the Borough (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2026-33

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to enter into a Contract with JBH Excavating of Jackson, New Jersey for the repair of certain waste water infrastructure as Emergency Contract Purchase in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,500.00

Motion: Mr. Baxter  
Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2026-34

Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the NJDCA for the Improvement of Certain Recreation Facilities in the Borough Requesting a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000.00

Motion: Mr. Fumo  
Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2026-35

Approving the Use of the Wanamaker Complex and Certain Borough Streets by the Kiwanis Club of Toms Rivers to Conduct the River to Bay 5K Race on May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber  
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. Baxter  
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	Yes/No	<u>Yes</u> /No	Yes/No	<u>Yes</u> /No	<u>Yes</u> /No
Abs.	Abs.	<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.	<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.	Abs.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE BILL LIST:**

Resolution 2026-36

Approving Payment of all of the Items on the Bill List Submitted by the Purchasing Agent as well as Payment # 2 to A. Larsen Construction for the Simpson Avenue Groin in the Amount of \$74,043.90 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Baxter  
Second: Ms. Healy

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

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:**

**Mr. Baxter** – Our Planning Board will be meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> to adopt two Resolutions. Our Municipal Court will be in session next on March 9<sup>th</sup> and our new Court Administrator is doing very well. Court revenue from 2025 totaled over \$28,000.00. Our police officers issued fifty three summons during January and made two DUI arrests.

**Ms. Healy** – The working group from Rowan University gave a presentation at Central Regional High School on the feasibility study for regionalization of our Elementary School. The High School is conducting a college fair that will included presentations from our Armed Forces and the college financial assistance that they can provide. Our Elementary School thanks DPW for their work in clearing snow to get eh school open after the blizzard. Our Elementary School is accepting applications for pre-school for the fall.

**Mr. Fumo** – Our Fire Company responded to twenty five calls during January and participated in four training drills. Our First Aid Squad responded to twelve calls for service and welcomed one new member.

Our Office of Emergency Management did an excellent job of keeping our residents prepared and informed during the blizzard. Thanks to OEM and our resident’s cooperation we got most of the vehicles off the streets and were able to get the snow cleared.

**Mr. Weber** - In our Construction Office, we have completed our closeout of 2025 having issued 181 UCC permits for the year for work valued at over seven million dollars that was completed on commercial and residential properties in the Borough. In 2025, our UCC Inspectors completed 692 inspections of the construction work completed throughout the Borough. For 2025 our Code Enforcement Office completed 55 occupancy certificate inspections as well as 50 zoning permit reviews. A reminder that our 2026 Recreation Badges are available at the discounted price of \$20.00 through the end of April. Water utility bills will be issued this week with a due date of March 16th.

**Mayor Doyle** – As you heard this evening, we are applying for a State Grant to continue the improvements of our Recreation Facilities.

We will be completing upgrades to our potable water infrastructure in the area of Chestnut and West End Avenues during March, please try to avoid the area once work is underway.

Early in May we plan to be repaving Chestnut, Park and West Ray Avenues under State DOT Grant.

Thanks to everyone who attended this evening.

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

**Sam Castanzo** – Commented on Stormwater Management on River Avenue.

**MAYOR DOYLE ENTERTAINED A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Mr. Fumo

Voice Vote:                      Yes: Unanimous                      No:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.