

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

April 14, 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.

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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 2026-04 – Proposed Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS,
ADOPTING CHAPTER 34 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED –
SALT STORAGE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Introduce Ordinance
2026-04:

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Mr. Fumo

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.

ORDINANCE 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING CHAPTER 34 OF THE BOROUGH CODE
ENTITLED – SALT STORAGE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Chapter 34 - Salt Storage on Private Property

Section 1 – Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent stored salt and other solid de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater.

This ordinance establishes requirements for the storage of salt and other solid de-icing materials on properties not owned or operated by the municipality (privately-owned), including residences, in the Borough of Island Heights to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.
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Section 2 – Definitions

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory:

- A. “De-icing materials” means any granular or solid material such as melting salt or any other granular solid that assists in the melting of snow.
- B. “Impervious surface” means a surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.
- C. “Storm drain inlet” means the point of entry into the storm sewer system.
- D. “Permanent structure” means a permanent building or permanent structure that is anchored to a permanent foundation with an impermeable floor, and that is completely roofed and walled (new structures require a door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall). A fabric frame structure is a permanent structure if it meets the following specifications:
 - 1. Concrete blocks, jersey barriers or other similar material shall be placed around the interior of the structure to protect the side walls during loading and unloading of de-icing materials
 - 2. The design shall prevent stormwater run-on and run through, and the fabric cannot leak
 - 3. The structure shall be erected on an impermeable slab
 - 4. The structure cannot be open sided
 - 5. The structure shall have a roll up door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall.

- E. "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- F. "Resident" means a person who resides on a residential property where de-icing material is stored.

SECTION 3 - Deicing Material Storage Requirements:

- A. Temporary outdoor storage of de-icing materials in accordance with the requirements below is allowed between October 15th and April 15th:
 - 1. Loose materials shall be placed on a flat, impervious surface in a manner that prevents stormwater run-through
 - 2. Loose materials shall be placed at least fifty (50) feet from surface water bodies, storm drain inlets, ditches and/or other stormwater conveyance channels
 - 3. Loose materials shall be maintained in a cone-shaped storage pile. If loading or unloading activities alter the cone-shape during daily activities, tracked materials shall be swept back into the storage pile, and the storage pile shall be reshaped into a cone after use
 - 4. Loose materials shall be covered as follows:
 - a. The cover shall be waterproof, impermeable, and flexible
 - b. The cover shall extend to the base of the pile(s)
 - c. The cover shall be free from holes or tears
 - d. The cover shall be secured and weighed down around the perimeter to prevent removal by wind

- e. Weight shall be placed on the cover(s) in such a way that minimizes the potential of exposure as materials shift and runoff flows down to the base of the pile. Sandbags lashed together with rope or cable and placed uniformly over the flexible cover, or poly-cord nets provide a suitable method. Items that can potentially hold water (e.g., old tires) shall not be used.
- 5. Containers must be sealed when not in use
 - 6. The site shall be free of all de-icing materials between April 16th and October 14th.
- B. De-icing materials should be stored in a permanent structure if a suitable storage structure is available. For storage of loose de-icing materials in a permanent structure, such storage may be permanent, and thus not restricted to October 15 -April 15.
 - C. The property owner, or owner of the de-icing materials if different, shall designate a person(s) responsible for operations at the site where these materials are stored outdoors, and who shall document that weekly inspections are conducted to ensure that the conditions of this ordinance are met. Inspection records shall be kept on site and made available to the municipality upon request.

SECTION 4 - Exemptions:

- A. Residents may store de-icing materials outside in a solid-walled, closed container that prevents precipitation from entering and exiting the container, and which prevents the de-icing materials from leaking or spilling out. Under these circumstances, weekly inspections are not necessary, but repair or replacement of damaged or inadequate containers shall occur within two (2) weeks.
- B. If containerized (in bags or buckets) de-icing materials are stored within a permanent structure, they are not subject to the storage and inspection requirements in Section III above. Piles of de-icing materials are not exempt, even if stored in a permanent structure.
- C. This ordinance does not apply to facilities where the stormwater discharges from de-icing material storage activities are regulated under another NJPDES permit.

SECTION 5 – Enforcement

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Island Heights Police Department and/or the Borough of Island Heights Office of Code Enforcement.

SECTION 6 - Violations and Penalties:

- A. Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall have seventy two (72) hours to complete corrective action.
- B. Violators of any the provisions of this Ordinance who fail to correct the violations cited by the enforcement authority may be cited via summons with a Court Appearance Required in the Island Heights Municipal Court or other Court of Competent Jurisdiction.
- C. Any person convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be liable to the penalties enumerated in Chapter 1 - Section 1-5 of the Borough Code.

SECTION 7 - Severability

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase, and finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE:

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Resolution 2026-55

Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council Conducted on March 24, 2026 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Mr. Baxter

Comments/Discussion: None

Resolution 2026-61

Approving the Reading of the Proposed 2026 Municipal Budget by Title Only upon the Date of the Public Hearing

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2026-62

Approving the Certification of Compliance with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commissions Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions

Motion: Mr. Fumo

Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2026-63

Approving a Proclamation Recognizing and Expressing the Support of the Mayor and Council for National Library Week – April 19-25, 2026

Motion: Mr. Fumo

Second: Ms. Healy

Resolution 2026-64

Approving and Authorizing Payment in Keeping with Payment Estimate # 3 for the Simpson Avenue Groin to A. Larsen Construction in the Amount of \$11,585.10 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2026-65

Approving the Closure of portions of several Borough Streets for the Island Heights Yacht Club Junior Olympics Sailing Championship on July 20th and 21st Between the Hours of 7 AM and 3 PM upon Receipt of a Certificate of Insurance (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Baxter

Second: Ms. Healy

Resolution 2026-66

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to enter into a Contract with Serpico Pyrotechnics of Toms River, New Jersey, for the Provision of a Fireworks Display on July 3, 2026 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$25,000.00 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Fumo
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2026-67

Authorizing and Establishing the Three Year Averaging Method in Computing the Budgeted Reserve for Uncollected Taxes

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Ms. Healy

Resolution 2026-68

Approving the Awarding of a Contract for the Chestnut, Park and Westray Avenues (DOT 2024) Road Improvement Project to Earle Asphalt of Wall, New Jersey in Amount Not to Exceed \$395,813.13

Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2026-69

Approving an Employment Contract and Related Documents between the Borough and Paul Rutledge (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Ms. Healy

Resolution 2026-70

Approving Change Order #1 and Payment Estimate #2 for the Lake Avenue Water Main Extension (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Fumo
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2026-71

Approving the Cancellation and Discharge of Property Tax Lien # 78-07

Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2026-72

Approving the Refund of a UCC Permit
Overpayment on Block 54 – Lot 8 – 6 Park Avenue
to David and Beverly Friedman in the Amount of
\$275.00

Motion: Mr. Gabriel
Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2026-73

Authorizing the Redemption of Lien # 23-00005 in
the Amount of \$4,205.11

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Ms. Pendleton

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

No comments

Comments/Discussion from the Floor on Items on the Consent Agenda:

Samuel Costanzo – Commented on the fireworks planned for July 3rd.

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/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>
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MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE BILL LIST:

Resolution 2026-74

Approving Payment of all of the Items on the Bill List Submitted by the Purchasing Agent as well as Payment on Purchase Order # 26-00280 in the Amount of \$12,500.00 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton
Second: Mr. Weber

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>
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MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Ms. Healy – Our Elementary School reports a total of 146 students including 28 pre-school students. The are officially in marking period four, which is the last marking period of the school year. We have a lot of end of the year festivities coming up soon, but we also still have a whole lot of learning.

Grades three to six are gearing up for state testing in May. Our sixth grade students coordinated an art project contest for students in the lower grades using recycled materials. Our Environmental Committee, in partnership with the Ocean County Clean Communities Program came to school prior to break to give a Plastic Pollution Awareness Assembly for our students and all of our students received aluminum recyclable water bottles, stickers, and certificates. The Elementary School Budget Public Hearing will be on April 28th at 5 PM in the gym.

At Central Regional spring sports are underway and college readiness course are being offered to the juniors and seniors at the High School.

Ms. Healy introduced our Librarian to update the Governing Body to prepare for National Libraries Week:

Christine Maloney – We are looking forward to the National Library Week festivities in the Borough and across the Ocean County system. At our branch we continue with great reading activities like our cookbook club, story times and our upcoming summer reading programs for children and adults. We thank all of our first responders for participating in our reading programs as it grows interest with our children. We thank the Governing Body, the Friends of the Library Committee and all of our residents for their support of our Library.

Mr. Gabriel – Our Police Officers issued sixty one summons during the past month and one hundred fifty two, year to date. All of our former Class II Officers have now been advanced to full time status and we are ready for the coming summer months.

Mr. Fumo – Our Fire Company responded to fifteen calls for service during the past month. They are now selling advance tickets for Summerbrew that is coming up on June 27th. Please get your tickets and support our Volunteers.

Our First Aid Squad responded to fourteen calls for ser last month and they have three members in EMT training. Their Easter Flower Sale was a success and thank everyone for their support of the Squad.

Mr. Weber - Our Construction Office has issued 97 UCC permits year to date for work on Borough properties with a total value of \$380,000.00.

Our UCC Inspectors have completed 163 inspections to protect our residents.

Our Code Enforcement Office has completed 15 Housing Certificate Inspections and 16 Zoning Reviews.

Over 300 Recreation Badges have been sold and the discounted price of \$20.00 continues through April 30th.

All of our residents were sent a flyer with their water bills reminding everyone that all cats and dogs must be vaccinated and licensed with the Borough. Please contact the Office if you need licensing assistance.

Ms. Pendleton – Our DPW has been dealing with a large volume of yard waste from the powerful winter weather. They removed several stumps from trees that were lost during the winter on Borough property. Landscaping is now underway on all of our public spaces.

Our Peto Museum has several exhibits and free concerts coming up this spring and summer, please check their website and social media for updates.

Our Cultural and Heritage Association is selling advance tickets for their annual Garden Tour on June 27th. Please come by the Cottage or see a Member to get your tickets.

Our Environmental Committee had a very successful Earth Day Celebration. They collected eighteen pounds of garbage through three clean up teams. They noted the number of single use water bottles littering our playground areas and they encourage everyone to switch to reusable water bottles whenever possible.

Mr. Baxter – Our Planning Board Meeting scheduled for this month has been canceled as there are no new applications for consideration.

The River to Bay 5K presented by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Toms River will take place on Saturday, May 2nd. They are seeking volunteers to staff the course and assist the participants. Please contact me through our Clerks Office for details.

Mayor Doyle – Our spring road restoration efforts will get underway in May funded by a State DOT grant. We will be paving Chestnut, Park and Westray Avenues.

The County has agreed to perform a maintenance project on the drains and valves on River Avenue to deter flooding during the summer months.

We have just been notified of a \$63,000.00 grant that we will be receiving from the State to restore the exercise area at the Wanamaker Complex.

We have been meeting with our Elementary School leadership and will soon meet with Central Regional Leadership where we have a new Board Member in Place, Bob King. All of these organizations are trying to work together on formulas to address the rise cost of health insurance for our full time employees and retirees.

Planning continues for our America 250 Celebration that will take place on July 3rd. The event will start with a parade at 3 PM and will continue all day at the Wanamaker Complex with a fireworks finale just after 9 PM. Please check our website to stay up to date on the plans.

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

No comments

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sean Asay
Borough Clerk**