

# Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

May 19, 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**

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

Council Member Baxter	Present	<u>Absent</u> (excused)
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 – Public Hearing – Proposed Adoption**

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

The Public Hearing on Ordinance 2026-04 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. Fumo

Voice Vote:                      Yes: Unanimous                      No:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Waive Reading and Adopt Ordinance  
2026-04 as Introduced:

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Voting Record:

Mr. Baxter	Mr. Fumo	Mr. Gabriel	Ms. Healy	Ms. Pendleton	Mr. Weber	Mayor Doyle
Yes/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
<u>Abs.</u>	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.

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:**

#### **MUNICIPAL BUDGET – PROPOSED ADOPTION:**

The Public Hearing on the Proposed Municipal Budget for the Borough of Island Heights is now open, persons who wish to comment, please ask to be recognized and state your name for the record:

#### Public Comments:

**Mayor Doyle** – The Borough has had minimal increases in our tax rate over the past six years, basically only adjusting for inflation and we have done well at receiving grants to help with the rebuilding of our infrastructure.

Unfortunately, this year our residents will see an increase of just over three cents on our municipal tax rate. This is primarily the result of the health insurance crisis in our State and Nation. Our rates to provide health insurance to our full time employees and retirees have increased over thirty five percent and these large premium increases are expected to continue. As a small community we have no viable options for health insurance coverage outside of the plan provided by the State. We are working with the County and our State Legislators to try to find solutions for this situation.

**Samuel Costanzo** – Commented on the total dollar increase in the proposed municipal budget.

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Close Public Hearing:

Motion: Mr. Gabriel  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Voice Vote:                      Yes: Unanimous                      No:

Mayor Doyle explained that the Borough is subject to State Budget Review this year and that the State has not yet approved our budget for adoption. We hope to be cleared to adopt the budget at our June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Table Resolution 2026-75

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Voice Vote:                      Yes: Unanimous                      No:

Resolution 2026-75                      Approving the Adoption of the 2026 Municipal  
Budget as Introduced on April 14, 2026

**Tabled**

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED:**

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Resolution 2026-76                      Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular  
Meeting of the Mayor and Council Conducted on  
April 14, 2026 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Comments/Discussion: None



Resolution 2026-81 Authorizing the Redemption of Lien # 25-00002 in the Amount of \$3,225.11

Motion: Mr. Weber  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2026-82 Approving the Refund of a Property Tax Overpayment for Block 38.01 - Lot 24.12 – 129 Siddons Court to Scott Swilley in the Amount of \$7,598.52

Motion: Ms. Pendleton  
Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2026-83 Approving the Membership of Abigail Brodbeck in the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company

Motion: Mr. Fumo  
Second: Ms. Healy

Resolution 2026-84 Approving the Use of the Camp Meeting Grounds for Services by the Island Heights United Methodist Church on June 6<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Gabriel  
Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2026-85 Approving a Social Affair Permit for the Island Heights Education Foundation for a Casino Night at the Island Heights Yacht Club on June 13, 2026 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Gabriel  
Second: Mr. Weber

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: Ms. Pendleton

Voting Record:

Mr. Baxter	Mr. Fumo	Mr. Gabriel	Ms. Healy	Ms. Pendleton	Mr. Weber	Mayor Doyle
Yes/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
<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.

**MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE BILL LIST:**

Resolution 2026-86

Approving Payment of all of the Items on the Bill List Submitted by the Purchasing Agent as well as the Invoice from Citta, Holzapfel and Zabarsky in the Amount of \$5,244.76 (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
Yes/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
<u>Abs.</u>	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.

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

**Ms. Healy** – The Elementary School Sea Devil Running Club participated in the River to Bay 5K, all of the runners did a great job.

Students in Grades three to six have completed State Testing. The fifth graders are completing the state science test this week.

On Friday, May 22nd there will be a 1 PM dismissal to kick off the Memorial Day weekend.

Our third graders have been walking around town to learn more about our history visiting places like the Peto Museum, the Cottage Museum, and welcoming guest speakers like Mayor Doyle. Our students are also building their own replicas of historic Borough buildings.

The annual Flag Day Celebration will take place on June 12th at 9:30 AM in front of the school and all are welcome to attend this special ceremony.

The Board of Education has interviewed three candidates for the board vacancy. The Board will be making a decision soon on which candidate they will select to fill this vacancy in the next few weeks.

Please check the Central Regional websites as their calendars are up for the coming year and they have some useful information for our teens to avoid negative interactions on social media and other websites.

**Mr. Gabriel** – Our Police Officers issued eighty seven summons during the past month and our Officers are providing support to our spring and summer code enforcement efforts.

**Mr. Fumo** – Our Fire Company responded to twenty two calls for service last month while completing two training drills. A reminder that Summerbrew is coming up on June 27<sup>th</sup>, please get your ticket from any member.

Our First Aid Squad responded to fifteen calls for service in the past month. They have three candidates in EMT training.

**Mr. Weber** - Our Construction Office has issued 115 UCC permits year to date for work on Borough properties with a total value of \$850,000.00. Our UCC Inspectors have completed 210 inspections to protect our residents.

Our Code Enforcement Office has completed 20 Housing Certificate Inspections and 25 Zoning Reviews.

Over 550 Recreation Badges have been sold and the price is now \$25.00 for the remainder of the year.

As Memorial Day approaches we will be ramping up to seven days a week Code Enforcement, if you see a code violation please call or email our Administrative Office. A reminder that no bicycles or dogs are permitted on our boardwalk.

My thanks to Lynn Pendleton and Susan Thompson for their assistance with our spring cleanup efforts around the Borough. The Ocean County Jail has provided us with labor assistance and a great deal of cleanup and beautification work was completed.

**Ms. Pendleton** – I am happy to present a check from the Cultural and Heritage Association in the amount of \$6,000.00 to offset the cost of the fireworks barge. These are privately raised funds and we thank everyone who has contributed so that we can continue to support the America 250 Celebration on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our DPW has been performing waste water lift station maintenance.

They backfilled the bulkhead area at Long Point to deal with erosion.

The historic speaker series presented by our Cultural and Heritage Association continues with Betsy Ross on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Artists Guild Headquarters. Please get your tickets for their Garden Tour on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our Environmental Committee had a very successful Earth Day Celebration and they are encouraging all of our residents to switch to reusable water bottles. The Environmental Committee Chair (Susan Thompson) presented reusable water bottles to the Mayor and Council, these bottles were provided by the County Commissioners. Ms. Thompson encouraged everyone to review and sign a Sustainable Landscape Pledge to keep our plants and animals healthy in the Borough.

**Mayor Doyle** – My thanks to Ms. Thompson for her presentation and work as Chair of the Environmental Committee. The Mayor encouraged everyone to be conscious of the environment in our landscaping and to try and help our pollinators with milkweed and other attractive plantings.

We have a great celebration planned to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our Great Nation. On July 3<sup>rd</sup> we will start at 3 PM with a parade to include our annual bike parade. After the parade the event will shift to the Wanamaker Complex for a day long festival of entertainment and food for all ages. After dark, there will be fireworks display over the Barnegat Bay just off of the Wanamaker Complex. Please contact Ms. Pendleton or our Borough Clerk if you would like to volunteer or participate in any way.

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

**Samuel Castanzo** – Commented on sidewalk obstructions, stop sign obstructions and the enforcement of recreation badges.

**Chris Little** – Commented on soccer goals at Memorial Field.

**Chris Maloney – (Island Heights Librarian)** – Thank you to the Mayor and Council for your support of National Library Week and for the help received year round from the Friends of the Library.

We have another great summer of activities planned at the library starting with our summer reading program for all ages starting on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our summer teen volunteers will be returning to help out at the library and learn more about library sciences.

Please visit our Library and see all that we have to offer.

**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 7:50 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sean Asay**

**Borough Clerk**