

Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes

July 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 THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET RESOLUTION:

Resolution 2026-97

Approving Amendments to the Proposed Municipal Budget that was Introduced on April 14, 2026 and Setting the date of the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget Amendments as August 18, 2026

Motion to Introduce Resolution 2026-97:

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

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Resolution 2026-98

Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council Conducted on June 9, 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</u> /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
Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTIONS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 2026-99

Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel 2025 Property Taxes for Block 46 - Lot 2 - 212 West End Avenue, in the Amount of \$4,284.18 and to Refund any Overpayment Resulting from this Action to the Property Owner

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2026-100

Approving the Submission of the 2027 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Application for Beech, Gilford and Tennant avenues – Requesting a Total Amount of \$426,000.00

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2026-101

Authorizing the Redemption of Lien # 24-00003 in the Amount of \$2,253.99 on Block 43 - Lot 1.02 - 46 Jackson Avenue

Motion: Mr. Fumo

Second: Ms. Pendleton

Resolution 2026-102

Approving a Contract with Catherine Buzzerio for her service as Deputy Municipal Clerk and Utilities Clerk (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Baxter

Second: Ms. Healy

Resolution 2026-103

Accepting the Resignation of Matthew Mull from his position as a Laborer with the Department of Public Works Effective on July 7, 2026 (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2026-104

Approving the Application of the Island Heights Yacht Club for the Use of the Central Avenue Dock for Paddle Palooza on August 1, 2026, Between the Hours of 7 AM and 12 Noon (By Title)

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Ms. Healy

Resolution 2026-105

Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Execute a Contract with Ocean Pipe Works of Ocean Gate, New Jersey for the Replacement and Repair of Certain Wastewater Laterals and Mains in an Amount Not to Exceed \$23,100.00 (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Fumo

Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2026-106

Approving the Hiring of the Following Individuals as Part Time Laborers for the Department of Public Works at the Hourly Rate of \$18.50 with Following Effective Dates:

Matthew Rumsby – June 6, 2026

Matthew Sardo – June 6, 2026

Timothy Wasserbach – June 6, 2026

Arnold Leone – June 20, 2026

Motion: Ms. Pendleton

Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2026-107

Approving Pay Estimate # 1 Provided by the Borough Engineer for the MA 2024 – Chestnut, Park and Westray Avenues Road Improvement Project in the Amount of \$380,920.48, Upon the Availability of Funds (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Ms. Healy

Resolution 2026-108

Approving the Proposal from the Borough Engineer for the Outdoor Fitness Park Improvement Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$18,000.00

Motion: Mr. Fumo
Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2026-110

Approving the Use of Wanamaker Field by the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company for a Car Show on August 8, 2026 (Rain Date August 9th) Between the Hours of 8 AM and 3 PM (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Fumo
Second: Mr. Weber

Resolution 2026-111

Approving the Use of Memorial Field for a Kickball Game by the Island Heights Volunteer Fire Company on August 7, 2026 Between the Hours of 5 PM and 9 PM (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Ms. Healy

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

None

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

John Pendleton – Commented on waste water line repairs

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion for Adoption of all of the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda:

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Ms. Healy

Voting Record:

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

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE BILL LIST:

Resolution 2026-109

Approving Payment of all of the Items on the Bill List Submitted by the Purchasing Agent (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</u> /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
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MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Mr. Gabriel – Our Police Department was very busy in the month of June monitoring the increased summer traffic in the Borough. Our Officers issued a total of one hundred eight summons during the month. Please be mindful of the increased bicycle and pedestrian traffic around the Borough during these summer months.

Mr. Baxter – I want to thank the Mayor and my colleagues on the Council who worked to bring the July 3rd America 250 Events to life. Everyone did a terrific job and the event was awesome. Our Planning Board has not had any meetings this summer as we have not received any new applications.

Our Municipal Court is running smoothly with our new Administrator; there will be no Court in August. The Court will be in session next on September 14th.

Ms. Healy – Our Elementary School Students and Ms. Royer sent a thank you all for our students being included in the America 250 Celebration. Ms. Royer said it was a great display of what makes our little town so special. Our School Board voted in June to approve Kris Sabey to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Education through December. Kris has served on the Board of Education in the past and he will be a great fit. The school is busy preparing our building for the 26-27 school year. They expect an enrollment of 150 students for the coming year. The August School Board Meeting will be on August 12, 2026 at 6:15 PM.

Our thanks to Roman Fumo who performed his Eagle Scout Project and installed a bicycle rack at our Library, this will be a great addition.

Mr. Fumo – Our Fire Company responded thirty nine calls for service over the past month. Their Summerbrew event was a success and they thank all who donated. Please remember their upcoming Car Show at the Wanamaker Complex on August 8th.

Our First Aid Squad responded to thirty six calls for service over the past month and they are welcoming two new members. The Squad is in the middle of their annual fund driver and they always appreciate the generosity of our residents as they are all volunteers who give of their time to help us all.

My thanks to Doug Platt and the OEM team for a great job keeping everyone safe on July 3rd.

Mr. Weber - Our Construction Office has issued 120 UCC permits year to date for work on Borough properties with a total value of \$1.9 million dollars. Our Construction Inspectors have completed 354 inspections to protect our residents.

Our Code Enforcement Office has completed 35 Housing Certificate Inspections and 30 Zoning Reviews. Over 1,000 Recreation Badges have been sold and the price is now \$25.00 for the remainder of the year. A reminder from Code Enforcement that dogs are not permitted on our beaches or boardwalk area. If you see a code violation, please call or email our Code Enforcement Office at 270-6415, after 3 PM call 911.

On July 3rd, after the America 250 event there were electrical wires down until midnight so our first responders had to stay on duty after a day long event. We thank them for their dedication.

Ms. Pendleton – The America 250 event was very special and I want to thank my co-chair Sandy Healy and all of the Borough Staff who worked very long hours under tough weather conditions to make the event a success. Our thanks also to all of our residents who contributed financially and with supplies and equipment. Brain Hanlon donated the patriot statue and Chip Hyler gave us the flags that fly along our boardwalk. DPW went above and beyond all day long, a thanks to Director Brodbeck and his staff.

The Peto Museum is hosting the Kutz Band on July 17th and their Peto Cup Fundraiser is coming up on August 7th.

The Cultural and Heritage Association continues with their Speakers Series on July 20th at the Artists Guild with the history of the Toms River Block House.

Broadway meets the Beach returns to the Wanamaker Complex the evening of August 6th.

Mayor Doyle – My thanks to Chair Lynn Pendleton and Co-Chair Sandy Healy for their leadership of the America 250 Committee. All of our volunteer committee members worked very hard to make our celebration on the 3rd very special. The performances of our students and young people who aspire to Broadway were outstanding. My thanks to our Borough Staff for working long hours under tough conditions to make it all work. Everyone enjoyed the amazing fireworks finale.

The Fire Company's 1927 Ahrens Fox Antique Fire Truck is in need of some restoration work as they prepare to celebrate one hundred years of service by this engine. The company will be trying to raise about \$50,000.00 to complete the project. Please consider making a contribution to save this important piece of Borough History as matching funds are now available.

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

Elaine Defonzo – Commented on the new flags along the Boardwalk.

Mitch Midgeon – Commented on code enforcement and the July 3rd events.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Doyle entertained a:

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Weber

Second: Ms. Healy

Voice Vote: Yes: Unanimous No:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Asay
Borough Clerk