Mayor and Council Newsletter

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Official Council Meeting Minutes October 20, 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**	Absent
Council Member Fumo	**Present**	Absent
Council Member Gabriel	**Present**	Absent
Council Member Healy	**Present**	Absent
Council Member Pendleton	Present	**Absent** (excused)
Council Member Weber	**Present**	Absent
Mayor Doyle	**Present**	Absent
Borough Attorney Mr. Zabarsky	**Present**	Absent

MAYOR DOYLE INTRODUCED THE APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Resolution 2026-140	Approving the Proposed Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council Conducted on September 8, 2026 (By Title) Motion: Mr. Baxter Second: Mr. Gabriel

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 RESOLUTIONS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 2026-141	Approving the Appointment of Matthew Sardo as Full Time Laborer for the Department of Public Works with an Effective Date of October 31, 2026 Motion: Mr. Weber Second: Mr. Baxter
Resolution 2026-142	Authorizing the Redemption of Lien # 25-00003 in the amount of $27,353.82 Motion: Mr. Weber Second: Mr. Fumo
Resolution 2026-143	Authorizing the Cancelation of 2026 Property Taxes for Block 33 - Lot 1 – 227 Van Sant Avenue in the Amount of $7,181.95 and the Refund any Tax Overpayment Resulting from this Action Motion: Ms. Healy Second: Mr. Baxter

Resolution 2026-144	Authorizing the Cancelation of 2026 Property Taxes for Block 37 - Lot 3.03 – 253 Thomas Avenue - in the Amount of $7,232.66 and the Refund any Tax Overpayment resulting from this Action Motion: Mr. Weber Second: Ms. Healy
Resolution 2026-145	Authorizing the Cancelation of 2026 Property Taxes for Block 38.02 - Lot 14.04 – 139 Lake Avenue in the Amount of $9,259.83 and the Refund any Tax Overpayment resulting from this Action Motion: Ms. Healy Second: Mr. Fumo
Resolution 2026-146	Authorizing the Cancelation of 2026 Property Taxes for Block 59 - Lot 3.02 – 1 Fletcher Place - in the Amount of $7,513.99 and the Refund any Tax Overpayment resulting from this Action Motion: Mr. Weber Second: Mr. Baxter
Resolution 2026-147	Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Execute the Renewal of a Recycling Center Use Agreement with Ocean County Motion: Mr. Gabriel Second: Mr. Baxter
Resolution 2026-148	Approving the Setting of the Date and Time for Trick or Treating in the Borough and Establishing a Curfew for Unaccompanied Minors Motion: Mr. Weber Second: Mr. Gabriel
Resolution 2026-149	Authorizing the Cancelling of Unspent Balances of Dedicated Reserves within the Current Fund Motion: Mr. Weber Second: Mr. Fumo

Resolution 2026-150	Authorizing the Imposition of a Service Fee on Water Utility Customers who have Failed to Have their Water Meter Replaced Motion: Mr. Baxter Second: Mr. Weber
Resolution 2026-151	Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of a New Police Vehicle for an Amount Not to Exceed $41,505.00 Motion: Mr. Fumo Second: Ms. Healy
Resolution 2026-152	Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Execute Shared Services Agreements with the Ocean County Prosecutors Office for the Driving While Intoxicated and Drug Recognition Expert Callout Programs Motion: Mr. Gabriel Second: Mr. Baxter
Resolution 2026-153	Approving a Proclamation Recognizing and Expressing the Support of the Mayor and Council for National Friends of Libraries Week Motion: Ms. Healy Second: Mr. Baxter
Resolution 2026-155	Approving the Awarding of a Contract for the Repair and Resurfacing of Cedar Avenue, Ensor Place and Laurel Avenue in keeping with the NJDOT 2025 Municipal Aid Grant to Fiore Paving of Oceanport, New Jersey in an Amount Not to Exceed $338,360.98 and Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Execute Said Contract Motion: Mr. Baxter Second: Mr. Gabriel

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. Fumo

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 2026-154 — Approving Payment of all of the Items on the Bill List Submitted by the Purchasing Agent (By Title)

Motion: Mr. Weber
Second: Mr. Baxter

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 COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Ms. Healy – Our Elementary School reports that their October Board Meeting has been moved to Tuesday, October 27th at 6:15 PM in the Gym. At this meeting, their new Safety Patrol Team will be officially sworn in by our Police Department. The Board also will be interviewing three candidates who applied for the Current Board Vacancy. Enrollment continues to be strong with 151 students currently enrolled. On October 9th they hosted Grandparents Day as they enjoyed some breakfast with their grandchildren, took pictures, and spent some quality time together. It was a great day This week is Fire Prevention Week at the school. Students will participate in the annual Fire Prevention Poster contest and there will be a visit by the fire trucks. Staff will be dressing up for Halloween on Friday, October 30th. Students will enjoy classroom Halloween parties, followed by the school wide Halloween Parade on Summit Avenue prior to dismissal. Their Annual Veterans Day Celebration will take place on Wednesday, November 11th at 9:15 AM in the Gym. The 6th Grade Pasta Dinner tradition continues on Thursday, November 19th in the gym at 4:30 PM. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door, take-out is also available.
At Central Regional a new safe connect program is being implemented to limit cell phone usage during classroom time and reduce distractions.

Mr. Fumo – Over the last month our Fire Company responded to twenty two calls for service and hosted the Trucktoberfest Event at the Wanamaker Complex.
Our First Aid Squad responded to twenty six calls for service as they continue to train new members and EMTs.
Our Recreation Committee will host the Borough Halloween Event starting with a Pumpkin Patch at the Wanamaker Field starting at 6 PM and all are welcome.

Mr. Gabriel – Our Police Officers issued one hundred twenty summons over the past month and seven hundred twenty to date this year. They provided security and parking enforcement for the Sailfest Event which drew a large crowd.

Mr. Baxter – Our Municipal Court will be in session next on November 9th, revenue to the Borough this year is nearly $20,000.00.
Our Planning Board will be meeting this week for the first time since March, on e variance application is on the agenda.

Reporting for Ms. Pendleton – Our DPW has placed new fall flags along the waterfront on River Avenue. They completed town wide clean up after the Nor'easter that hit in September and they are now completing fall fire hydrant flushing.
The Peto Museum will be hosting fall art classes sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Toms River, see their website for more information.

Mr. Weber - Our Construction Office has issued 272 UCC permits year to date for work on Borough properties with a total value of $2.7 million dollars. Our Construction Inspectors have completed 626 inspections to protect our residents.
Our Code Enforcement Office has completed 51 Housing Certificate Inspections and 49 Zoning Reviews.
A reminder that the Central Avenue Pavilion and Dock, Wanamaker Beach Gazebo at Summit Avenue and the Boatyard Dock remain closed due to damage from the September storm. We are working with our insurance carrier to make repairs as soon as possible.
Please lend your support to the 6th grade Pasta Dinner at the Elementary School on November 19th. All of the proceeds go to resources and field trips for our 6th grade class. The Gym becomes Italy for a Day and it is a great family event.

Mayor Doyle – We thank our Librarian (Chris Maloney) for being here this evening and providing us with a report. She is joined by many members of our Friends of the Library Committee and they all do terrific work to support our Library as a resource for residents of all ages.
There will be a fall paving project in the Borough to repair Laurel Avenue along with Ensor Place and portions of Cedar Avenue.

We have been having conversations with Toms River Township and the Administration of our Hospital and hopefully we will be able to reach some new agreements to enhance and support our Borough EMS services as the system places a strain on our all-volunteer First Aid Squad.

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

Chris Maloney (Librarian) – My thanks to the Governing Body for recognizing Friends of the Library Week which is celebrated across the Nation. Our Friends Committee does so much to support our Library. Their fundraising has supported our year round reading programs and provided prizes for high achievers. They donated a video gaming system that helps to keep our young people interested in coming to the Library and spending time and their Cookbook Club has been a great success engaging chefs around the Borough. The 120th Anniversary of our Library will be celebrated next year and we are already planning some great events.

Sam Castanzo – Commented on Borough street cleaning activities.

Ken Hawthorne – Commented on Water Tower Cleaning and Maintenance Activities.

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 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Asay
Borough Clerk