

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Jakubowski called the meeting to order.

MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "Notice of this meeting has been provided in a legal notice published in the Courier Post and the Retrospect; and posted in accordance with Title 10 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, specifying a 7:00 p.m. meeting time; and that formal action may or may not be taken at all Caucus and Commissioners meetings". Those in attendance: Mayor Jakubowski, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Whitman, Borough Administrator David Taraschi, Solicitor Sal Siciliano, Police Chief Tom Tassi and Borough Clerk Danielle Ingves.

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 3, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-26-AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO RECEIVE RFQ SUBMISSIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman, seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor-motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-27- AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-28-AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT FOR THE AUDUBON FAMILY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman, seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor-motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Lee-Met with Chief Tassi and Lieutenant Gaspari and proposing to revise the pay structure for our police department for off duty road work to align more with the Department of Transportation guidelines. We would follow the county rates. After a brief discussion, it is determined that the ordinance will need to be amended to do this. The Clerk will work with Chief and our solicitor to prepare this to be introduced at the February Caucus meeting.

The water company is set to begin their project on February 4 which will span from Nicholson Road to Washington Terrace on Wyoming Ave. The is not inclusive of the business district as that has been temporarily put off until they can resolve some safety concerns. PSEG is down to under thirty services left in town.

Com. Lee once again reiterated that the initial patchwork on the roads was not good and needs to be addressed as he is concerned about what additional damage could be done due to the snowplows if we should need them this winter. There was some discussion regarding the county request for pinning for restoration.

A heartfelt thank you to the Public Works Department once again was expressed by Com. Lee and agreed by Mayor Jakubowski and Com. Whitman. It was recognized how this was the clean up and clean out week for residents after the holiday and PW has worked extremely hard. With the holiday on Monday, PW had double the trash for a Tuesday and they did a wonderful job. It didn't go unnoticed that they have had their share of double duty for multiple weeks since December without skipping a beat.

Commissioner Whitman-The state extended the Anchor Program deadline for filing from December 31, 2022, to February 28, 2023. All bills are paid on time this month.

Mayor Jakubowski-Next month we will be creating a committee on public art. Any resident who is interested in this topic, please reach out to the mayor's office. The Mayor has been talking with the NJ Council of the Arts and our town needs to begin with research and creating policies as to what is acceptable and not acceptable according to what fits for our town. We can revisit different projects including murals in the streets to see if they are cost prohibitive or not and/or if they would be traffic deterrents in some places.

The Summer Movie series will happen once again this year and will be sponsored once again by William Penn Bank. It will consist of four weeks instead of eight and take place on Thursdays in July. Audubon Civic REACH will be coordinating this event. Please check out their Facebook page and look for an opportunity to share your thoughts on the movie choices.

Audubon Day is Saturday, April 29. (John J. Audubon's birthday is April 28.) Our Audubon Celebration Committee has begun working on this event already along with the planning of the 4th of July celebrations. They are in desperate need of volunteers. They are a committee of very few members, and they need volunteers. Please follow them on Facebook and/or reach out if you would like to help.

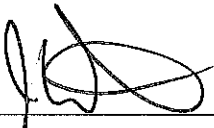
Commissioner Whitman made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor- motion carried.

Being there was no discussion, Commissioner Lee made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor; motion carried.

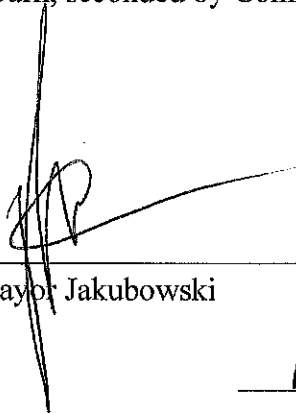
The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried.


Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 P.M.



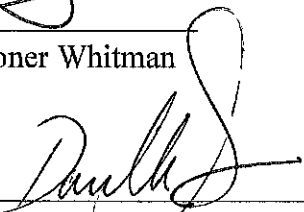
Commissioner Whitman



Mayor Jakubowski



Commissioner Lee

ATTEST: 

Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk

DATE APPROVED: 2/7/2023