

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2023

5:00 P.M.

***MEETING WAS HELD VIA "ZOOM" APPLICATION WITH MEETING ID 349 802 0449

Mayor Jakubowski called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S 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 5:00 p.m. meeting time; and that formal action may or may not be taken at all Caucus and Commissioners meetings. Please be advised that this meeting is not being videotaped tonight."

Those in attendance were Mayor Jakubowski, Commissioner Whitman, Borough Administrator David Taraschi, Solicitors Sal Siciliano, Jennifer McPeak, Borough Engineer Craig Reilly, Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk, Rec Center, Library Board President, Tom Tassi, Police Chief, John Dymond, Tax Assessor, Jean Phillipa, Court Administrator, Kurt Bicking, OEM Director, Fire Chief Pat Slemmer

RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

RESOLUTION 2023-116 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS) FOR PURCHASE, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO SOLAR POWERED SPEED DISPLAY SIGNS ON EAST ATLANTIC AVE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 30, 2023. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman, seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. Unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-117 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL DEPALMA AS BUILDING SUBOCDE OFFICIAL FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2026. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman, seconded by Mayor Jakubowski, All in favor motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-118 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM REVAITIS AS ELECTRIC SUBOCDE OFFICIAL FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING AUGUST 2, 2023 UNTIL AUGUST 1, 2027. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman, seconded by Mayor Jakubowski, All in favor motion carried.

Department Reports:

Borough Administrator /DPW Superintendent – Just came from a meeting regarding waste disposal. We and all the other municipalities in Camden County are out of waste disposal as of December 31, 2023. So, we are exploring our options and right now none look very good. Dismayed at the cost. There will be a meeting next week with all the municipalities to come up with a consensus for long and short term. It affects everyone, but some differently as some towns are still under contract and will be fine for a bit. For those of us that are out, we are looking at a significant increase and we need to come up with a long-term solution for waste disposal. Met with Commissioner Nash and Chris Orlando today and we are going to meet again. Will follow up by email.

Other than that, status quo. The tax bills went out and everyone is receiving them. Public Works is busy, and the trench restoration is ongoing throughout town and the water company is working. It is a busy time with school out and we are managing the status quo.

Police Chief – Report attached. Reminder to everyone that National Night Out is starting at 5:30 tonight at the FJW Rec and Com Center. Should be another great event for the community and everyone has worked so hard to put it together.

Chief Finance Officer – N/A

Fire Chief – 43 calls for Audubon; 289 calls to date. Department is doing well. There are no new members at this time. Department is in the process of the driver recert program and choosing to do in hotter months to give guys a break.

Borough Clerk – Over 300 people have signed up to date for the Do Not Knock list. 50 just last week. Daily complaints from the residents. With the help of the residents, we are working to identify who the solicitors are knocking on the doors without permits.

OEM – The EOP has been submitted to the County. We need to have a hazmat annex that we have never had before. We are making sure that there is an AED in every Borough building. The Audubon Department of Health had a meeting last week. Hoping to provide two free CPR classes per year. If they want the cert card, it may cost 20.00. The Mayor added that there are three Audubon residents who currently sit on this committee.

Tax Collector – Report submitted.

EMS – Report submitted. 96 calls for Audubon. 225 calls for the month.

Tax Assessor - Will be working on Added/Assessments. Will probably wait until September to start inspections as it will be cooler.

Municipal Court Administrator – Just received the signed contract for Gibbsboro for the Shared Service Agreement. We are just now able to start getting the sign-ons. Confirmed that the Assignment Judge did receive the agreement and signed. She will send out the official copies to the Municipalities today.

Construction Code/Zoning Report-Report attached.

Engineer – Submitted written report. Highlights: CDBG FY 2023 Senior Center Approvements - that project is out and advertised. The BID opening is tomorrow morning. We will be able to review and make a recommendation next week. The Borough of Bellmawr will be installing the leveler and color coating surface on the weeks of August 7th and August 21st, respectively.

Library – The HVAC system has been installed and is working well. The Summer Reading Program is ongoing and open registration all summer.

The Recreation Center- YMCA Summer Camp has been successful thus far with no issues. It has been a great partnership. Jim from PW stops in daily to check on things and it has been good. They have 20-25 kids per week and are looking to double those numbers next year.

July – Two (2) private parties and Summer Movie nights every Thursday. We are keeping it busy.

Solicitor – Items for closed session only.

Sustainable Audubon – They continue with monthly meetings, first Wednesday of every month at the Senior Center. They have a grant from PSEG to promote home energy savings and efficiency. You will be hearing more from them in various ways in the upcoming months.

Open Session: Commissioner Whitman made a motion to open the meeting to the public; seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. All in favor; motion carried.

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

Board of Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Whitman- Nothing other than the tax bills went out. The grace period was extended to August 18. If you bring it in past that date, interest will be charged back to August 1.

Mayor Jakubowski – I would like to thank all the Borough employees. Public Works; I see them hustling. There are so many trash days when there is construction going on the streets and I see them hustle. I do want to thank all of our Borough employees as well.

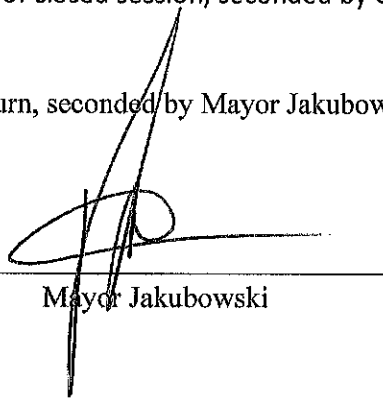
RESOLUTION 2023-119 CLOSED SESSION FOR LITIGATION

The foregoing resolution to go into closed session was approved by Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. All in favor-motion carried at 5:19 pm


Mayor Jakubowski made a motion to come out of closed session, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in-favor motion carried.

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. All in favor; motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:46 P.M.



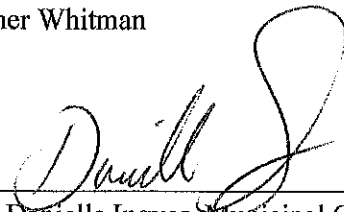
Mayor Jakubowski



Commissioner Whitman



Commissioner Lee

ATTEST: 

Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk

DATE APPROVED : 9/5/2023