

Mayor Robert Jakubowski

Director of Public Works, Parks, and Buildings

Commissioner Robert O. Lee

Director of Public Safety and Affairs

Commissioner Jeffrey Whitman Director of Revenue and Finance

Agenda

Caucus Meeting

January 3, 2024 5:00 p.m.

Public Notice

Topic: Borough of Audubon Caucus Meeting
January 3, 2024 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 349 802 0449

Passcode: Audubon

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- I. OPENING 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 pm meeting time and that formal action may or may not be taken at all Caucus and Commissioners' Meetings."
- II. FLAG SALUTE /EXIT DESIGNATIONS
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2023

Motion by:

Second by:

All in Favor

- V. ORDINANCES FOR ACTION: N/A
- VI. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

•	2024-01	Authorizing the Cash Management Plan for 2024

- 2024-02 Authorizing the Appointment of Robert Jakubowski as Municipal Coordinator on Aging
 2024-03 Authorizing the Appointment Danielle Ingres as Municipal Improvement Search Officer
- 2024-04 Authorizing the Appointment of Danielle Ingves as Registrar of Vital Statistics
- 2024-05 Authorizing the Appointment of Bonnie Taft and Janet LaBar as Deputy Registrars of Vital
 - Statistics
- 2024-06 Authorizing the Appointment of Linda Smith as Deputy Tax Collector and Tax Search Officer

•	2024-07	Authorizing the Appointment of Victoria Tortoreto as Deputy Treasurer
•	2024-08	Authorizing the Appointment of Dave Taraschi as Fund Commissioner for the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund
•	2024-09	Authorizing the Appointment of Robert Jakubowski as Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund
•	2024-10	Authorizing the Appointment of Robert O. Lee as CDBG Representative
•	2024-11	Authorizing the Appointment of Dave Taraschi as Alternate CDBG Representative
•	2024-12	Authorizing the Appointment of Dave Taraschi, John Karolinski and Jim Rossell as Zoning Enforcement Officers
•	2024-13	Authorizing the Appointment of Jeffrey Whitman as a Class III Member of the Joint Land Use Board Member for 2024
•	2024-14	Authorizing the Appointment of Megan Giordano as Tax Collector
•	2024-15	Authorizing the Appointment of Christopher J. Powell of Hardenbergh Insurance Group Agency, Risk Manager for 2024 Consultant for 2024
•	2024-16	Authorizing the Appointment of Paul Price, Jr. Deputy Emergency Management Coordinater for the Borough of Audubon
•	2024-17	Authorizing the Appointment of Dave Taraschi as Public Agency Compliance Officer
•	2024-18	Authorizing the Borough Administrator to Execute State Contract Purchases for 2024
•	2024-19	Authorizing the Retrospect and Courier Post as Legal Newspapers
٠	2024-20	Authorizing Tax Assessor to Execute Stipulations of Settlement/Administer to Tax Appeals
•	2024-21	Authorizing Establishment of Grace Period for Tax Payments, Fixing Interest Rates and Year End Penalties
•	2024-22	Authorizing the Use of Credit Cards and electronic transfer for the payments involving the Municipal Court Costs
•	2024-23	Authorizing 2024 Municipal Temporary Municipal Budget
•	2024-24	Authorizing the Approval of Change Order Number 002 for the Audubon Senior Center Restroom and Meeting Room Improvements in the amount of \$7,313.25 (contract increase)

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- Borough Administrator/Superintendent of Public Works
- Assistant Superintendent of Public Works
- Chief Financial Officer
- Borough Clerk's Office
- Tax Collector
- Tax Assessor
- Police Chief
- Fire Chief
- OEM
- EMS
- Municipal Court
- Construction Code/Zoning
- Engineer
- Solicitor
- Library

- Rec Center
- Sustainable Audubon
- COMMISSIONER LEE REPORT:
- COMMISSIONER WHITMAN REPORT:
- MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI REPORT:

VIII. OPEN SESSION:

Motion To Open

Motion by:

Second by:

All in Favor

Motion To Close

Motion by:

Second by:

All in Favor

IX. **CLOSED SESSION:** Resolution 2024-25 Contracts/Appointments

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by:

Second by:

All in Favor:

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 requires each local unit to annually adopt a cash management plan; and WHEREAS, it is desired by the Governing Body of the Borough of Audubon to comply with said statute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the attached cash management plan for the year 2024 be approved.

Mayor Robert Jakubowski

Robert O. Lee, Commissioner

Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner

ATTEST:_____

Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR ON AGING FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of Mayor Robert Jakubowski, Municipal Coordinator on Aging for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

	Robert Jakubowski, Mayor	
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner	
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner	
ATTEST:	_	
DATE:		

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT SEARCH OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of **Danielle Ingves** Municipal Improvement Search Officer for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

Mayor Robert Jakubowski
Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of **Danielle Ingves**, Registrar of Vital Statistics for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
ATTEST: Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk	

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of Bonnie Taft and Janet LaBar as Deputy Registrars of Vital Statistics for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
ATTEST.	
ATTEST: Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk	

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR AND TAX SEARCH OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of **Linda Smith**, Deputy Tax Collector and Tax Search Officer for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

Mayor Robert Jakubowski
Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TREASURER FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of **Victoria Tortoreto**, Deputy Treasurer for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
ATTEST:	
Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk	

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CAMDEN COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of **David Taraschi**, Camden County Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
ATTEST:	
Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk	

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CAMDEN COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of **Mayor Robert Jakubowski**, Camden County Joint Insurance Alternate Fund Commissioner for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
ATTEST: Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk	

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CAMDEN COUNTY CDBG REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of **Commissioner Robert O. Lee** Camden County CDBG Representative for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski	_
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner	
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner	
ATTEST:		
Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk		

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CAMDEN COUNTY CDBG ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of **David Taraschi**, Camden County CDBG Alternate Representative for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
ATTEST: Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk	

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of **David Taraschi**, **John Karolinski and Jim Rosell**, Zoning Enforcement Officers for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
TEST:	

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CLASS III MEMBER OF THE JOINT LAND USE BOARD FOR 2023 FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of **Commissioner Jeffrey Whitman**, Class III Member of the Joint Land Use Board for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
ATTEST:	
Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk	

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of Megan Giordano as Tax Collector for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize sald appointment.

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
ATTEST: Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk	

RESOLUTION 2024-15 RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

CAMDEN COUNTY

MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the **Borough of Audubon** is a member of the **Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund**, a self-insurance pooling fund, and;

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of said Fund require that each municipality appoint a RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws and;

WHEREAS, the Bylaws indicate a fee not to exceed six percent (6%) of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and was included in the cost considered by the governing body and;

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:11-5 (1) (m), specifically exempts the hiring of insurance consultants from competitive bidding as an extraordinary unspecifiable service; and

WHEREAS, the experience, knowledge of public insurance and risk management issues and judgmental nature required of a Risk Management Consultants are clearly an extraordinary unspecifiable service which therefore render competitive bidding impractical;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the governing body of the **Borough of Audubon** does hereby appoint **The Hardenbergh Insurance Group** as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with 40A:11-5 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Consultant's Agreement annexed hereto and to cause a notice of this decision to be published according to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1), (a), (i).

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
ATTEST:	
Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk	

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of **Paul Price Jr.**, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

Mayor Robert Jakubowski
Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR

THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the appointment of **Dave Taraschi**, Public Agency Compliance Officer, for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Nobell O. Lee, commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
ATTEST: Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk	

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASES FOR THE THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the Borough Administrator, David Taraschi, to execute State Contract Purchases for the Borough of Audubon for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

pert O. Lee, Commissioner
rey Whitman, Commissioner

DESIGNATING THE LEGAL PUBLICATIONS FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby designate the Courier Post and The Retrospect, as legal publications for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said appointment.

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
·	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
ATTEST:	
Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk	

AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO EXECUTE STIPULATIONS OF SETTLEMENT AND FILE ASSESSOR APPEALS FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WEREAS, the statutory provision is made for the review and correction of errors prior to certification of an assessment list; and

WHEREAS, provision is also allowed for the discovery and correction of errors after establishment of the Tax Rate; and

WHEREAS, changes in property ownership at times necessitates adjustment to the Veteran and/or Senior Citizen Deductions allowed on the assessment list; and

WHEREAS, responsibility for maintenance and correction of assessment list rests with the local assessor subject to Law and Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Audubon Board of Commissioners that the Assessor, fulfilling the duties and requirements of their office, be authorized to file with the Camden County Board of Taxation such appeals as may be necessary to maintain accuracy and equality in the assessment list of the Borough of Audubon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assessor is hereby authorized to execute stipulations of settlement on behalf of the Municipality in the tax year of 2024.

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
ATTEST:	
Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk	

ESTABLISHING A GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES, FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST AND YEAR-END PENALTY FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the Borough of Audubon has determined that it is desirable for taxpayers to be permitted a grace period for payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 54-:4-67 provides that the Governing Body may establish a grace period and fix the rate of interest to be charged.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon that property taxes and special improvement taxes shall be due and payable quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1 of each year with a ten (10) day grace period, after which dates, if unpaid, shall become delinquent, with interest charged as set forth below and reverting back to the due date of any quarterly installment of taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon to hereby fix the rate of interest of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency, including tax sale certificates, in excess of \$10,000.00 is charged to a taxpayer who does not pay the delinquency prior to the calendar year ending.

Robert O. Lee, Commissioner Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS AND ELECTRONIC TRANSFER FOR PAYMENTS INVOLVING MUNICIPAL COURT COSTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the use of credit cards and electronic transfer for payments involving municipal court costs for the Borough of Audubon.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize use of Credit Cards and Electronic transfers.

	Mayor Robert Jakubowski
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
ATTEST:	
Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk	

AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2024 FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, do hereby authorize the Temporary Budget for the year 2024 for the Borough of Audubon.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize the 2024 Temporary Budget.

	Robert Jakubowski, Mayor
•	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner
ATTEST: Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk	

AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 002 FOR AUDUBON SENIOR CENTER RESTROOM AND MEETING ROOM IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon to approve Change Order Number 002 for the Audubon Senior Center Interior Improvements in the amount of \$7,313.25 (increase in contract amount).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners do authorize said contract change.

	Robert Jakubowski, Mayor
	Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
	Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner

DATE:

January 3, 2024

CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975,	Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public
from meetings in certain circumstances; and	

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss: Contracts/Appointments

Robert Jakubowski, Mayor
Robert O. Lee, Commissioner
Jeffrey Whitman, Commissioner

DATE: January 3, 2024

ATTEST: ______ Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk