

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 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 Salvatore Siciliano, Municipal Clerk Danielle Ingves, Police Chief Tom Tassi

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to approve meeting minutes from November 8, seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor-motioned carried.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION:

2023-08 Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, County of Camden and State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 113, Land Development, Article VII, Zoning Regulations, Division 2, Supplemental District Regulations, Section 113-409, Signs, In the Code of The Borough of Audubon First Reading-November 21, 2023; Public Hearing/Second Reading – December 19, 2023

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

2023-157 AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023

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

2023-158 AUTHORIZING TURNOVER OF MUNICIPAL COURT UNCASHED CHECKS FROM THE AUDUBON MUNICIPAL COURT The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous roll call vote.

2023-159 AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND SCHOOL FLASHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRIC SERVICE WITH AN OPTION FOR MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION UNDER THE CHERRY HILL COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM IDENTIFIER #37-CHCPS

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

2023-160 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO RECEIVE RFQ SUBMISSIONS FOR BOROUGH AUDITOR FOR THE 2023 MUNICIPAL AUDIT The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor-motion carried.

2023-161 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO RECEIVE RFQ SUBMISSIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER AND MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried.

2023-162 AWARDDING THE BID FOR 2018 USED REFUSE VEHICLE TO TRUCKS AND PARTS OF PENNSYLVANIA LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$246,400. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

COMMISSIONER LEE: Paving project is nearing the end for this fall phase and reminding residents to rake leaves onto the curb strip and not in the street.

COMMISSIONER WHITMAN: Remember that some of the paving project will not be completed until the spring. Some of those side streets off of Merchant Street will have to wait until spring.

MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI: DPW is doing a great job with leaves. Commissioner Lee was correct that the newly paved roads would increase speeding and his prediction was correct. We ask our residents to please slow down again so our police do not have to enforce speeding tickets, but they will and are ready if need be. We just need people to slow down. I do love the smooth roads but please slow down. Other than that, Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and I will see everyone at the parade one Saturday.

OPEN SESSION:

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

Chris Tassi, 337 W. Graisbury Ave - Thank you to everyone for the hard work on the roads. He then began to question the infrastructure work and asked why if the utility companies are paying for the police, why can't they have an engineer on site to exam the work as it is being completed. He had concerns about manholes on Wyoming and one in particular at the High School that is six inches too low. He also had concerns about the handicapped curb cuts being substandard. Borough Administrator, Dave Taraschi, assured him that a punch list is being created for the contractor and that every street will be walked to make sure that all items are corrected. He did acknowledge that it is the town's responsibility for jacking up manholes and that will be completed.

Mayor Jakubowski commented that this has been a learning experience for the Borough and stated that he had some weariness with the amount that the utility company has been able to walk all over us. Borough Solicitor, Sal Siciliano stated that the utility company has a certain right to come and direct what needs to be done, which leaves the town with little control. However, the town can certainly hire their own engineer if they feel it is necessary. Dave Taraschi replied that was not necessary.

Commissioner Whitman added that they gave permission to South State to pave Edgewood in front of the high school on those two days the school was off for the convention. It may have been done in haste; however, it will be fixed in short order.

All agreed that the work should be done correctly the first time, but in those instances where it is not, the vendor will be held accountable for making sure all problems are resolved. Dave Taraschi stated he has been out there a lot, not all the time, but a lot. There will be a punch list once the work is completed to make sure everything was repaired correctly. Mayor Jakubowski thanked Mr. Tassi for his feedback.

John Poliero 47 Beloit – M. Poliero came to discuss his concerns with his neighbors once again. He stated that it's still loud. The neighbors park down the street, walk to the house and it gets loud about 30 minutes later. He did call the police last night. Once the police come out, it is good for about 30 minutes and then it gets loud again. Mayor Jakubowski questioned if when Mr. Poliero calls the police do the police respond each and every time. Mr. Poliero stated, "yes they do". Mr. Poliero stated that he was told to get evidence and he suggested the town check the neighbors yellow recycling cans for the amount of alcohol. He then complained that drinks are left on the sidewalk, and they are there in the morning with kids walking up and down the street.

Mayor Jakubowski stated that the police cannot do anything if they do not see who puts the drinks on the sidewalk. Mr. Poliero stated that he has been to court with this family in the past. He believes other neighbors are apparently complaining now as well.

He then stated that he spoke to the Chief prior to the meeting, and he didn't care for the Chief's response. The Chief explained that they try to find balance when they respond to a call and our ordinances. The Chief stated that Mr. Poliero is welcome to file a complaint again and/or come to court again. Mr. Poliero then stated, "no one comes to my house and suggests that I should move out of town". The Chief stated he would look into who said that and Mr. Poliero left the room rather abruptly.

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

2023-163 RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR A POLICY DISCUSSION

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor-motion carried at 7:25 pm.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to come out of closed session and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried at 7:51 pm.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Whitman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.



COMMISSIONER WHITMAN



MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI



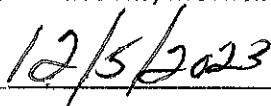
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ATTEST:



DANIELLE INGVES, MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE APPROVED:



12/5/2023